

## KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held  
On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 4 pm via Zoom

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
	Dr Ainslie	<i>Attendance:</i>	Senior Tutor
	Dr Adams		First Bursar
	Dr Candea		Domus Bursar
	Dr Dolan		
	Professor Dunn		
	Professor Griffiths		
	Professor Griffin		*Mr N Roundy
	Professor Sharman		
	Dr Srinivasan		
		<i>By invitation</i>	Jenny Malpass - Minutes
	*Mr A Mortlock		Director of Development – item 35
	*Mr A Provost		
			* <i>Open business only</i>

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dr Perry. Ms Hagan was absent from the meeting.

## OPEN BUSINESS

### 17. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 18. Minutes of Open Matters of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The minutes of the Open Business of Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were received. Council agreed to amend the Minute for item 6 as follows:

#### 6. *Financial Strategy for 2021-22 and Beyond.*

*The First Bursar was joined by Dr Wallach to ask Council for their instructions to the Finance Committee in preparing the budget for 2021-22*

*Council discussed this at length and agreed that the Finance Committee should produce some draft proposals to bring back to Council on 9<sup>th</sup> February in order that a more formal proposal could be agreed. The First Bursar summarised that this should include the effect the pandemic had had on the value of our endowment and our assets, and suggestions on adjusting our budget to meet the losses. However, recovering from the effects of the deficit might take a decade or more so that money put aside in our budgets*

*over time would be at a reasonably low rate. Any changes that might cause long term damage or compulsory redundancies should not be agreed if possible alternatives could be found.*

**19. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**20. Council timetable & action list**

Council noted the timetable and action list.

**21. Oral reports**

The First Bursar updated Council on the current arrangements for Covid-19 and confirmed that infection rates were very low in Cambridge, particularly at King's and the University, and Colleges who wish to be involved, will be introducing lateral flow testing for some front-line staff.

**Principal Items of Business**

**22. Planning for Expenditure on Buildings**

The First Bursar presented a discussion document on the cost and effectiveness of major building projects.

Council discussed the paper and in particular the depreciation charge and, given the current circumstances, what wriggle room was available to encourage less spending on building projects.

Council thanked the First Bursar for his detailed paper. In order to make progress in advising the Buildings and Finance Committees it requested those committees to provide more concrete proposals for further discussion.

**23. Bodley's Court – Proposed internal refurbishment**

The Domus Bursar presented a paper asking Council to consider whether there was any merit in recommending to Governing Body an investigation into the justification for a potential internal refurbishment of Bodley's Court, including the timing and phasing of this work.

Council discussed the paper at length and reiterated discussions from the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January, that building works should be progressed only when clearly identified present dangers made this imperative

Whilst some members of Council felt that Bodley's' shared bathrooms and small kitchens made it unsuitable for student accommodation given the current situation, Council did not endorse the paper and asked the Domus Bursar to bring another paper to Council detailing what work needs to be carried out urgently and what could be delayed.

#### **24. Report on Student Numbers**

The Senior Tutor gave his annual report on the number of students registered at King's in the current academic year and confirmed that the number of undergraduates was on target. The precise number of graduates proved a little more difficult to determine as some were still registered after 8 years; however discounting these, and part time students, left 250 graduate students.

The Senior Tutor and First Bursar were asked to agree how the different classes of students should be counted when determining our targets.

Council thanked the Senior Tutor for his report.

#### **Other Items for Discussion**

#### **25. Revised Terms of Reference for Council**

The Terms of Reference for Council were presented as part of the annual review of all Committees' Terms of Reference.

Council noted and agreed the Terms of Reference for Council.

#### **Business for Report**

#### **26. Easter Festival**

A report on the cancellation of the Easter Festival 2021 was presented

Council noted the cancellation of the Easter Festival 2021 due to the pandemic

#### **27. Flying the Rainbow Flag**

Council received a paper from the Junior Members regarding the annual flying of the Rainbow Flag on the first day of LGBT month 2021, as agreed in January 2019.

Council agreed to approve the flying of the Rainbow Flag on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 and to confirm that a similar paper will be automatically re-tabled in following years.

#### **28. Chariots of Fire Charity Event**

The Domus Bursar presented a request to stage part of the 2021 Chariots of Fire Charity Event through King's College. The race will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and will follow the same format as in recent years.

Council agreed that the organisers of the annual Chariots of Fire Charity Event be allowed to make arrangements as described in the paper to run through King's College on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, subject to detailed agreement

with the Domus Bursar, the Head Porter, the Head Gardener and the Head of Visitor Services.

**29. Minutes of the Adornment Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Council accepted the Minutes of the Adornment Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**30. Any Other Business**

The Domus Bursar presented a request on behalf of the organisers of the Cambridge Pink Week for Kings to get involved with raising awareness of breast cancer.

Council agreed that the organisers of Cambridge Pink Week be allowed to work with the Domus Bursar in finding imaginative ways to dress the College pink during the Cambridge Pink Week of 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.50pm

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at **2pm** via Zoom.