

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At an Ordinary Congregation
held on Tuesday, 18th July 2014
at 2 pm in the SCR

Present (in order of Seniority)

Provost	Dr Basim Musallam	Dr Lorna Finlayson
Professor John Dunn	Professor Mike Bate	Dr Richard Merrill
Dr Ken Moody	Dr Geoff Moggridge	Mr Philip Isaac
Professor Herbert Huppert	Dr Nicolette Zeeman	Dr Surabhi Ranganathan
Professor Alan Macfarlane	Dr Rosanna Omitowoju	Dr Hadi Godazgar
Professor Richard Lambert	Professor Ashley Moffett	Dr Mahdi Godazgar
Professor Charlie Loke	Dr Perveez Mody	Dr Eva Nanopoulos
Dr John Barber	Dr Nick Marston	Dr Chryssi Giannitsarou
Dr Nick Bullock	Dr Jules Griffin	Dr Mirjana Bozic
Professor Iain Fenlon	Dr Cesare Hall	Dr Oscar Randal-Williams
Professor John Henderson	Dr Simone Teufel	Dr Mark Ainslie
Professor Martin Hyland	Dr Tim Griffin	Dr David Al-Attar
Dr Tom White	Dr Godela Weiss-Sussex	Professor David Dunne
Mr James Trevithick	Dr Nathanael Berestyski	Dr Aleksandar Stevic
Professor John Young	Dr Sebastian Ahnert	Dr Valentina Migliori
Dr Paul Ryan	Mrs Julie Bresser	Dr David Stewart
Dr Rob Wallach	Dr Adam Higazi	Dr Rachel Hoffman
Professor George Efstathiou	Dr Anastasia Piliavsky	Dr Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan
Professor Jean Michel Massing	Dr Francesco Colucci	Ms Hanna Weibye
Dr Keith Carne	Dr Sarah Crisp	Dr Paul Figueras
Professor Barry Keverne	Dr Jeremy Morris	Dr Matei Candeia
Professor Peter de Bolla	Dr Suchitra Sebastian	<i>*Open Business</i>
Dr David Good	Dr Elisa Faraglia	Mr Chad Allen

Apologies

Dr John Stewart	Dr Tim Flack	Professor Clement Mouhot
Professor Simon Goldhill	Dr David Munday	Dr Felix Fischer
Professor Robin Osborne	Dr David Hillman	Dr Flora Willson
Mr Stephen Cleobury	Professor Yasir Suleiman	Mr Richard Causton
Mr Peter Jones	Dr Bert Vaux	Dr Ingo Gildenhard
Professor Sarah Lummis	Dr Lori Allen	Mr Ruairi O'Donoghue

On leave

Professor Robert Foley	Dr Darin Weinberg	Dr Angela Breitenbach
Professor Chris Gilligan	Dr Sharath Srinivasan	
Professor Bill Burgwinkle	Dr Anna Alexandrova	

OPEN BUSINESS

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

49 Minutes of the Open Business of the Congregation held on 24th June 2014

The Minutes of the Open Business of the Congregation held on 24th June 2014 were approved and signed.

50. Oral Reports

The First Bursar reported on the College's Building Policy. He and the Domus Bursar had circulated papers ("Progress on Buildings Policy" and "Buildings' Gateway Review") suggesting how major building projects ought to be considered and decided upon. At each stage in a project's progress from inception, to investigation, planning, delivery and review there should be gateways where the appropriate College committee approves further work and the necessary funding. The Buildings Committee and Council need to consider proposals at inception but, if they are to progress further, the Governing Body will need to consider them at an early stage and agree whether to move forward.

51. Building Projects Finances

The First Bursar gave a summary of the various major building projects that the College is currently considering and the financial effects of each. This included the implied rate of return, positive or negative, for each project and takes account of any increased income generated by the project.

52. Beves Room Refurbishment

The Domus Bursar submitted a paper regarding a refurbishment of the Beves Room, and seeking Governing Body approval for a budget of £120,000 to cover the costs. This refurbishment will include the provision of separate toilets for the Beves Room.

Agreed to approve capital expenditure of up to £120,000 for the refurbishment of the Beves Room.

53. Bodley's Court

The Domus Bursar presented a paper on the proposal to refurbishment Bodley's Court. The Governing Body had asked for a period of time to review the content of the Feasibility Study into this proposed refurbishment. The Domus Bursar invited the meeting to reconsider the proposal in the light of additional information and in the context of other competing major building projects.

There was considerable concern about the effect that such an expensive project would have on the College's budget. Parts of the work were essential but the Congregation was not willing to agree the expenditure required to bring the entire project to the planning stage. It asked that this be

considered again at the next Congregation. The Domus Bursar was asked to give the costs for the different parts of the renovation.

An informal vote was proposed for a moratorium on further spending on Bodley's Court until it had been discussed further at the Annual Congregation. This achieved a majority but not an absolute majority of those present. Since the expenditure for further work was not approved, further work could proceed only with the explicit approval of the Governing Body.

It was noted that replacement of the roof was more urgent than some other parts of the scheme, and that authorisation had already been given to purchase replacement Colly Weston Slates. The Governing Body were asked to approve preparatory expenditure for the roof replacement and associated external works.

Agreed to proceed with planning for repairs to the roof of Bodley's Court and the external works at a cost of up to £35,000.

54. Boathouse Replacement

The Domus Bursar presented a paper on the progress for replacing the Boathouse, which the College shares with two other colleges and a school. We expect planning approval for the building of a new Boathouse imminently. The costs for the College's share of the project are expected to be £1 million.

There was concern that donors had not yet been secured to fund the new Boathouse. Several Fellows did not wish to proceed with the works until external funding had been secured. The Development Director indicated that she hoped that she would be able to raise funds by the end of the calendar year. Should the College receive donations to cover the cost of the Boathouse, then we would be prepared to proceed.

A vote was taken to approve the replacement of the Boathouse. This achieved a majority but not an absolute majority of those present. Accordingly, approval for the expenditure was not given.

55. Whichcote House

The First Bursar explained proposals to develop Whichcote House for use either as graduate housing or for renting to others. This project is expected to cost approximately £4 million but will make a return on investment that should more than cover the financing and depreciation costs. It could be developed fairly quickly so that it was available for the academic year 2016-17, when the College may have a pressing need for accommodation. Accordingly, the Governing Body was asked to approve progression to the planning stage at a cost of £107,000.

Agreed to proceed with planning for the redevelopment of Whichcote House at a cost of up to £107,000.

56. Investment Properties

The Investment Committee has agreed to repair works on commercial retail properties in St Mary's Passage and Peas Hill. In both cases, the upper floors might be better and more rewardingly used for College purposes.

Agreed to proceed with planning for the refurbishment of two commercial properties so that their upper floors might be used for College purposes.

57. Chetwynd Court

The Domus Bursar gave a Feasibility Brief covering the proposed refurbishment of the Chetwynd Court and adjacent areas.

A few Fellows commented on the transformation that the proposed development would enable and its potential value to the College. While the cost was beyond what the College could afford from its own resources, it might be a high priority for the College's appeal.

58. Sound System

The Dean proposed that a public address system be installed in the antechapel to ensure that readings and the spoken word were audible there. He also proposed that the system in the Hall be replaced.

Agreed:

subject to a satisfactory further trial, to install a public address system in the antechapel to amplify the spoken word but not music;

to install a system to amplify sound for the hard of hearing be installed throughout the Chapel;

to install a new public address system be installed in the Hall.

The total cost of these is £96,000, partly supported by donations.

59. Tutorial Arrangements

The Senior Tutor presented a paper describing the changes that she proposes to make to the Tutorial system. She stressed the ability to spot problems and to be proactive in identifying them. She hoped that the changes would help create and develop a sense of community.

The Governing Body expressed support for the Senior Tutor's plans.

60. Any Other Business

There was no other business.