

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday, 9th November 2021 at 2pm in the Audit Room and via Zoom

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
	Dr Ainslie	<i>Attendance:</i>	Senior Tutor
	Dr Adams		First Bursar
	Dr Dolan		Domus Bursar
	Professor Dunn		
	Professor Griffin		* <i>Open business only</i>
	Professor Perry		
	Dr Srinivasan		*Ms Brenna Salkin
	Professor Griffiths		*Mr Tom Pugh
		<i>By invitation</i>	Charlotte Taylor - Minutes

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Professor Griffiths

Dr Dolan attended from Item 369

OPEN BUSINESS

357. Declarations of Interest

None.

358. Minutes of Open Matters of 26th October, 2021

Approved.

359. Matters arising

None.

360. Council timetable & action list

It was agreed to review College policies at the next meeting.

It was agreed to consider student numbers in Lent 2022

361. Oral reports

The First Bursar and Senior Tutor updated the Council on the CoVid situation. While infection rates within the College remain low, numbers were rising in the City and County. Efforts continue to encourage all students to take part in the asymptomatic testing. Members of College are continuing to behave responsibly.

Principal Items of Business

362. Accounts and Auditor's Report

Ms Kelly Bretherick (Auditor) and Professor Gareth Austin (Audit & Scrutiny Committee), attended for this item.

Ms Bretherick presented the Audit Matters Report. New Audit Standards require a more extensive commentary in the Accounts but there were no concerns about the College's financial oversight. A number of minor issues were reported. Garden Hostel can only be re-valued as part of a general revaluation, due next year. KCS Facilities will need a separate ledger and a covenant to the School.

Council thanked Ms Bretherick and her team and also thanked Simon Billington, the Assistant Bursar and the Accounts team. Both had ensured the Audit was conducted well and accurately.

Ms Bretherick and Professor Austin left at 14:25.

The Accounts for the year to 30th June, 2021 together with the Auditor's report were received.

Council agreed:

- (a) to accept the Accounts and the Auditor's report and authorise the Provost and First Bursar to sign them. They will be forwarded to the Annual Congregation.
- (b) to authorise the Provost to sign the letter of representation on behalf of the College.
- (c) to recommend to the Annual Congregation the re-appointment of Peters, Elworthy & Moore as auditors for 2021-22.

The First Bursar noted that Peters, Elworthy & Moore have been the College's Auditors for eight years, although the Audit Partner has changed. We would expect to carry out a new tender process for the Audit every ten years but this firm is very experienced in auditing Colleges and likely to continue to be suitable.

Other Items for Discussion

363. Proposal to allow bicycles through the front gate at night

Mr Pugh proposed that bikes should be allowed to be carried through the front gate and brought through the front court at night to ensure the safety and security of all members of the College.

The Council discussed the possibility for damage from bike access, as well as the necessity to review the front gate and various protection strategies.

Council agreed in principle to allow bicycles to be brought through the front entrance at night to ensure the safety of College members. The details will be agreed between the Domus Bursar, Head Porter and student representatives and the trial will be reviewed at the end of the academic year.

Business for Report

364. Pop up Concert request June 2022

Council agreed that Mr Wilson be given approval to perform as a poetical cellist in early June 2022, with a pop-up concert on the cobbles overlooking King's Parade, subject to detailed agreement with the Domus Bursar, Head of Visitor Services and Head Porter.

365. Annual Health & Safety Report 2020-2021

Noted.

366. Garden Committee minutes 1st November 2021

Noted.

367. Communications Committee Terms of Reference

Noted.

Any Other Business

368. KMCS Rehearsal and Concert in Hall on Sunday, 21st November 2021

Council agreed to allow Hall to be used by KCMS for a Rehearsal and Concert on Sunday, 21 November 2021 commencing 3.00pm and ending at 10.00pm.

Dr Dolan joined the meeting

369. Mingle December 2021

The Mingle will be held with lower numbers (maximum 300), because of the pandemic.

Council approved the staging of the December 2021 Mingle, subject to detailed planning with interested Heads of Departments, and final approval of the Lay Dean and the DPS/Domus Bursar.

Council further discussed the use of the College Bar. This is intended as a space for all members of College but there is the perception from students that this has ceased to be their space. Observations were made that the issue might be that of the need for a JCR rather than the College bar also being the JCR. The Senior Tutor and Domus Bursar are taking the need for a JCR forward with KCSU and KCGS Officers, and will report progress to Council – there might be a short term solution at hand, with the proposed redevelopment of the Chetwynd Court scheme providing a longer term solution for a JCR.