

## ST CHAD'S COLLEGE, DURHAM SENIOR COMMON ROOM

### Minutes of the meeting held in the Chapel on November 17 2015

**Present:** Bill Apedaile (President) Ashley Wilson (Treasurer), Paul Braidford (Secretary), Nick Barton, Robert Guthrie, Gordon Harper, Joan Mills, Tim Packer, Stuart Watson, Jo Cundy, Judy Burg, Irene Roding, Charlie Pemberton, Kat Saunders, Edwin Holmes, Jessica Holmes, Sue Shaw, Sarah Banks, Margaret Masson, Colin Woodward, Mervyn Ellis, Rhys Burris, Pauline Watson, Dick Watson, Mark Roberts, Sean Kelly, Martin Wright, Ann Moss, Toby Breckon, Colin Ferguson, Richard Taylor, David Crookes, Gary Cox, Mikołaj Kundegorski, Julian Kotze-Wilson

**Apologies for absence** had been received from: Simon Grant, Alice Hills, Anthony Anderson, Rebecca Wallace, Lucy Smout Szablewska, Peter Coulson, Elizabeth Fisher, Peter Fisher, Jonathan Moreland, Angie Smith, Angela Seward, Tony Seward, Arthur Middleton, Paola Gatti, Julian Fowell, James Lancelot, James Leigh, Jess Stacey, Jonathan Tate. Adam Wurr, Maurice Simmons, Matt Smith, Gillian Allnut, Richard Monk, David Stanley, Suzanne Cox, Richard Hird, Maxine Houston, Gordon Allinson, Rob Eaton, Jenny Parker, Paul Chandler, David Hunt, Emily Oliver, Viv Kendon, James Randle, Jane Manley, Fred Robinson, David Lamb, Paul Taylor, Jean Woodward

**Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015** The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

**Matters Arising** There were no matters arising.

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer reported that donations to the Sri Lanka project for this year will be either £200 or specific donations, whichever is larger; one of the two sponsored children has now left school, reducing the SCR's commitment, and allowing excess donations to be redirected to the charity's other projects. Members asked whether the SCR should consider donations to other causes (e.g. Sub-Saharan Africa), and that this should be considered in good time before the remaining sponsored child leaves school. The Treasurer updated the SCR on progress to the South African scholarships project, which would help students attending Rhodes University, and require relatively little outlay, and how that fits with wider college charitable giving, and the SCR support of other causes. More details of SCR donations, and options for change, are given in the appended report.

**Acting Principal's Report** The Acting Principal reported on the excellent exam results; the first victory for Chad's in the Chad's-John's sporting challenge; postgraduate research (including research fora and the Social Justice Conference); the good conference trade in the summer; the successful Alumni Weekend; the Advent Service in Westminster on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>; the range of activities in Induction Week, including the *Inspired and Engaged* lecture by polar explorer Robert Swan, the accompanying Combination Formal, and the Good Lad and Bystander Intervention workshops to address attitudes towards sexual violence and relationships (and the university's and college's role in such issues); the college's new Visiting Fellows; the new College website and how members can feed back; (lack of) progress on the paddock project and the new boathouse; the new Vice-Chancellor, and his support for colleges and subsidiarity; the Memorandum of Understanding with the University (Mark Roberts reminded the members that funding from the university amounts to 10% of that required, the remainder coming from student charges, conference trade, fundraising etc); work with the Tyne & Wear CITIZENS (an alliance of civil society organisations); adverts for the new Principal, which have gone out.

**President's Report** The president reported on plans (involving Sean Kelly on behalf of the SCR) for increased co-ordination of charitable giving between the common rooms; a social activities survey led by Matt Smith to better serve members' interests and co-ordinate activities with the other common rooms; plans for the (annual) Cassidy Memorial Lecture (including suggested speakers, and areas/topics to concentrate on – members pointed out that Joe was a polymath, but also that many disciplines could cover ethical issues). Members are invited to feedback on all these issues.

**New Members** Ex officio new members: **Charlie Pemberton, Dr Craig Robertson, Irene Roding, Prof Michael Snape** and **Rev Martin Wright** (new tutors); **Roger Muttitt** (new Director of Music); **Professor James Piscatori, Adam Wurr, Rt Revd Graham Kings** (new visiting fellows)

Appointed as new members: **Dr Gwynedd de Looijer** (secretary to the Joint Newcastle-Durham centre for Quantum Technologies in Physics), **Judith Burg** (Head of Archives and Special Collections in the [Library](#)), **Dr Vicky Brown** (Deputy Principal of [Van Mildert College](#)), **Dr Peter Swift** (Colege Organist, Vice-Master of [Grey College](#)), **Prof Simon Oliver** (Van Mildert Professor of Divinity in the [Department of Theology and Religion](#)), **Dr Iain Lindsey** (Lecturer in Sport in the [School of Applied Social Sciences](#)), **Jon Purcell** (Librarian), **Fr Ben Earl** (Catholic Chaplain to Durham University), **Dr Arthur Rose** (research fellow in the Centre for Medical Humanities/Department of English Studies), **Hazel Edwards** (Senior Engagement Manager (Arts & Humanities))

Elected as new members: **Naomi Mackintosh** (alumna, training to be a primary school teacher, nominated Margaret Masson, seconded Mark Roberts), **Andy Stephenson** (alumnus, runs a business in Newcastle making

subscription activity boxes for children aged 3-6, nominated Margaret Masson, seconded Mark Roberts), **Jane Bird** (nominated Barbara-Anne Robertson, seconded Margaret Masson), **Robert Schoonmaker** (nominated Nick Barton, seconded Mike Huxtable), **Sofia Ropak-Hewson** (nominated Beth Kahn, seconded Margaret Masson), **Pat Jones CBE** (postgraduate student and former director of the Prisoners' Education Trust; nominated Margaret Masson, seconded Ashley Wilson), **William Barham** (alumnus, reactivating membership), **John Blott** (alumnus, solicitor, nominated Sean Kelly, seconded Mark Roberts)

**AOB** In the absence of further business the President closed the meeting at 7pm.

### **SCR TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance at 20/05/2015	1999.79
<b>INCOME</b>	
Subs income	1410.00
Sri Lanka project income	182.50
PDA Fund income	547.50
Other income	
General Donations	85.50
Photo Competition	75.00
Misdirected payments	214.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2515.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Unsung Hero Award	150.00
Grants	
Conference Presentation Grants	504.00
Other Expenditure	
Photo Competition	168.40
Social Justice Conference	300.00
Misdirected Payments	214.50
Misc (overpayment repaid to College)	21.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1357.90</b>
Balance at 10/11/2015	3156.89

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATION GRANTS**

Name	Subject	Year	Conference	Award
Megumi Chou	English	PhDI	<i>Environments: Landscapes &amp; the Mind</i> PG Conference Goldsmiths, London	24.00
Charlotte Adamson	Law	Mjur	Centre for Criminal Law and Criminal Justice - Durham	20.00
Katy Hockey	Theology	PhD3	British New Testament Conference, Edinburgh	50.00
Curtis Runstedler	English	PhDI	<i>Magic and the Supernatural in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods</i> , Cardiff	50.00
Dave Eaton	Theology	MPhil I	The 21st World Congress of the International Association of the History of Religion. Erfurt	100.00
Lara Pearson	Music	PhD3	The 9th Triennial Conference of the European Society for the Cognitive Sciences of Music, Manchester	100.00
Konstantin Volkmann	Cognitive Neuroscience	MSc	Departmental Conference, Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, University of Cambridge	75.00
Robert Pain	English	MSA	<i>Texts in Times of Conflict</i> at De Montfort University, Leicester	30.00
Curtis Runstedler	English	PhDI	<i>The Company of Wolves: Sociality, Animality, and Subjectivity in Literary and Cultural Narratives—Werewolves, Shapeshifters, and Feral Humans</i> - part of the Open Minds, Open Graves Research Project, University of Hertfordshire	25.00
Curtis Runstedler	English	PhDI	<i>Alchemy and Chemistry in Sickness and in Health</i> , Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry Postgraduate Conference, Maison Francaise, Oxford	30.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>504.00</b>

## **SCR Charitable Donations**

### *The SCR currently supports two charitable causes*

- Project Sri Lanka – this link was established in response to 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami as part of a University-wide campaign
- Its own Personal Development Awards fund – this is designed to allow the SCR to make awards to students for personal development projects and, more recently, to assist with the costs of presenting research at conferences

### *The SCR's original commitments were*

- Project Sri Lanka £400 per annum – to sponsor 2 children (@ £200pa each) through school to the age of eighteen
- No specific target. Money raised is supplemented by donations from general income.

### *Our current commitments*

- Sri Lanka £200pa in each of the academic years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017
- We now sponsor only one child as the other has reached the age of eighteen and has left school
- The second child reaches eighteen and leaves school in summer 2017

### *Options after 2016/2017*

- We could allow the Project Sri Lanka donations to lapse and not replace them
- We could continue to donate to Project Sri Lanka for their other projects in water provision, sanitation and medicine
- We could identify a new charity to fund
  - This could be at home or overseas (in any part of the world)
  - This could be contributions for scholarships to school students in South Africa (see below)
- The SCR will be consulted in good time about this decision

### *New opportunities*

- The three common rooms in College have set up a committee to co-ordinate charitable fund-raising within the college. The JCR currently supports a Charity of the Term: it is hoped that in future all three common rooms will have a say in choosing this and that all three common rooms will contribute each term by way of small fundraising events/collections
- College is hoping to raise £1m to establish the Joe Cassidy Memorial Scholarship fund
  - This will include scholarships for disadvantaged South African students attending Rhodes University, the Ruth First scholarship, Organ and Choral scholarships, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate entrance scholarships for students from less affluent financial backgrounds or from under-represented communities
  - It should be possible to donate specifically to any of these scholarships

### *Proposals*

- Income for the Sri Lanka Project last year was £285 and is likely this year to exceed our £200 sponsorship commitment. I propose to donate any excess monies to Project Sri Lanka for their other projects
- After 2016/2017 the SCR should identify another project to support
- From that point the SCR Annual Donation (subscription) form will highlight opportunities to donate to:
  - New project
  - The Personal Development Awards fund
  - The Joe Cassidy Memorial Scholarship fund
- Other smaller events should be held on a regular basis to support the College's Charity of the Term

