

ST CHAD'S COLLEGE, DURHAM SENIOR COMMON ROOM
Minutes of the meeting held in the Williams Library on February 22 2018

Present: Bill Apedaile (President), Ashley Wilson (Treasurer), Paul Braidford (Secretary), Margaret Masson, Mark Roberts, Joan Mills, , Nick Barton, Robert Guthrie, Colin Woodward, Rhys Burriss, Eleanor Spencer-Regan, Alistair Jenkins, Sean Kelly, Julian Kotze Wilson, Jenny Parker. David Hunt, Peter Swan, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, David Rushton, Sue Shaw, John Mawson, Tony Chapman, Andrew Pearson, Jane Robinson, Jennifer Sewel

Apologies for absence had been received from: Peter Coulson, David Stancliffe, Brian Gowthorpe, Emily Oliver, Anthony Anderson, Jens Funke, Richard de Robeck, Rosalind Brown, Kate Fenwick, Anthony Parton, Janice Parton, Frederik Seidelin, Gill Blazey, David Blazey, Viv Kendon, Gordon Harper, Pat Jones, Gillian Foulger, Pippa Matthews, David Stanley, Jessica Holmes, Edwin Holmes, Tony Seward, Angela Seward, Gillian Allnutt, Dick Watson, Pauline Watson, James Randle, Jonathan Tate, Richard Davison, Jo Cundy, Edward Cam, Richard Hird, Toby Breckon, Jonathan Moreland, Carolyn Ramsbotham, Alice Hills, Fred Robinson, John Marshall, Simon Grant, Iain Lindsey, Mark Woodruff, Paul Chandler, Matt Smith, Jane Manley, David Crookes, Jess Stacey, Kat Saunders, Tim Packer, Stuart Watson, Clare Stancliffe

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 Nov 2017 The minutes were accepted as an accurate record

Matters Arising There were no matters arising

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported on the accounts (available in a separate document), which are in good shape. The bank account stands at £6,292.39. A paper will be circulated shortly outlining options for expenditure and inviting comments

Principal's Report The Principal reported on progress on the college strategy, including inclusion and justice (such as work with local schools, a pupil mentoring programme for pupils from Park View School and Intern:NE) and student accommodation, the new kitchens and student food options, the new Chair of Governors (Mark Woodruff) and Vice-Chair and Treasurer (Paul Chandler), pressures on students and how colleges help, student behaviour, external pressure on universities (such as fees and the ongoing strike by lecturers). A question was asked by Rhys Burriss whether it would be better for students to start undergraduate degrees at 20 or 21 to accumulate savings and gain experience; the Principal pointed out this is now more common and the student body is more diverse.

President's Report The President updated the SCR on Combination Formals (including the relatively poor student attendance (although opinions varied as to how poor this was – all agreed the Combination Formal was an enjoyable and worthwhile formal); requests for the SCR to have a presence in Freshers Week; the Cassidy Memorial Lectures (Ann Loades' lecture will be on Saturday April 28 2018, in the Quad with the next being Prof Christopher Andrew on October 22nd, likely on Russian Intelligence; Onora O'Neill has been approached for 2019); SCR presence in Freshers Week; the possibility of a similar termly Lecture; organising further Guest Nights or a Garden Party etc.

South Africa Presentation Marianne Holbrook of the JCR presented on her experiences as part of the volunteer project in 2015 in South Africa; the presentation and an article written by Marianne about these experiences will be sent with these minutes. More information about the project is available online at the Chad's website.

Secretary nominations The President noted the Secretary must retire from the post next term, so asked for nominations to the post to be voted on at the next meeting

President's resignation The President announced that he will resign from the post prematurely, and asked for nominations to be voted on at the next meeting

New Members

Ex officio new members: **Martyn Evans** and **Claire Warwick** (Governing Body), **John Mawson** (Fellow)

Appointed by Principal: **Enid Pearson** (MCR member and retired obstetrician and gynaecologist); **Sarah Green** (PhD candidate at Durham Business School and the CBI's former director of regions and nations) **Richard Slack** (Head of Accounting in the Business School)

Elected: **Philip Davies** (Chapter Clerk at Durham Cathedral) and **Simon (Sam) Moore** (PhD candidate in Hormonal Patterning in Root Development) (both proposed by Ian Zass-Ogilvie, and seconded by the Principal);;

Peter Swan (alumnus – MA and PhD and currently a volunteer for an 'arts and health' charity; proposed by Fred Robinson and seconded by Ian Zass-Ogilvie); **Miriam Cook** (nominated by the Principal, seconded by Daniel Cook)

The date of the **next SCR meeting** is provisionally 17th May 2018

AOB None

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