

ST CHAD'S COLLEGE, DURHAM SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Minutes of the meeting held in the Chapel on November 7 2017

Present: Bill Apedaile (President), Ashley Wilson (Treasurer), Paul Braidford (Secretary), Margaret Masson, Mark Roberts, Joan Mills, Gordon Harper, Nick Barton, Robert Guthrie, Colin Woodward, Rhys Burriss, Gillian Allnutt, Eleanor Spencer-Regan, Stephen Regan, Edwin Holmes, Alistair Jenkins, Richard Taylor, Theo Harman. Matt Smith, Kat Smith, Sean Kelly, Tim Packer, Stuart Watson

Apologies for absence had been received from: Rosalind Brown, Andrew Kent, John Marshall, Tony Chapman, Jonathan Tate, Paul Chandler, John Hanks, Theo Harman, Gerard Loughlin, David Blazey, Gill Blazey, Anthony Anderson, Viv Kendon, Helen Donoghue, Pippa Matthews, Jens Funke, Kate Fenwick, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, Greg Pritchard, Sarah Banks, Chris Ouvry-Johns, Katie Randle, Malcolm Reed, Julie Wilson, Fred Robinson, Emily Oliver, Iain Lindsey, Jenny Parker, David Hunt, David Rushton, David Stanley, Rob Eaton, Mike Dixon, Peter Swift, Lucy Smout Szablewska, Marek Szablewski, Tony Seward, Angela Seward, Peter Coulson, Pippa Bell, Richard Hird, Jane Manley, Richard Davison, Dick Watson, Pauline Watson, Tom Pullman, David Crookes, Joe Foxall, Toby Breckon, David Stancliffe, Alix Collingwood-Swinburn, Jennifer Sewel, Andy Stephenson, Barbara-Anne Robertson, Craig Robertson, Jonathan Moreland, John Grannan, Anthony Parton, Janice Wailes-Parton, Oliver Burnham, Sofia Roper Hewson, Jean Woodward, Julian Kotze-Wilson, Judy Burg

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 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 £4,329. We have (before those joining at this meeting are taken into account) 309 members, 125 of which do not have to pay subs – we raise c£2,500 per year from subs, but spend relatively little, raising the question of what to do with it. Options include charity – currently NEPACS and Rhodes University are supported' the question is how we should work with the other common rooms to support charity. Sean Kelly will work towards integration/liasion. The meeting voted to continue support of NEPACS this term and work to integrate the charity choice next term. There was the possibility that SCR funds may go towards donations. There was also debate about widening criteria for student awards, or publicising the awards to a greater extent to increase applications. We could also provide two scholarships per annum (£500 each) and contributing to the cost of the Bettenson Room refurbishment, Discussion on charitable contributions, and where to spend the SCR budget ensued – there will be a paper on this issue forthcoming, with comment invited by email before the next meeting.

Principal's Report The Principal reported on: the success of the graduating class in the summer; returners; the current year's new cohort of students; the college strategy; inclusivity - how Chads can best widen participation (e.g. school partnerships and mentoring; Intern: NE, an initiative to retain students in the region after they graduate); enhancing the college residence offer and buildings; rooms in the college for the SCR (possibly including reserved periods in a refurbished Bettenson Room); the new Chaplain and Financial Controller; Citizens NE; Fred Robinson and his conversation on *Who Rus the North East Now?*; questions were asked relating to student rents

President's Report The President updated the SCR on Combination Formals (including the poor student attendance, and the provision of pre-dinner wine); requests for the SCR to have a presence in Freshers Week; the Cassidy Memorial Lectures (Ann Loades' lecture will be on April 28 2018, with the next being Prof Christopher Andrew); the SCR organising Question Time in Easter term (with the JCR organising in Michaelmas and the MCR in Epiphany); cross-Common Room activities/visits; possibly holding more lectures – as Castle does, for example; greater participation of the SCR in research forums; SCR contributions to *Foundation*; organising further Guest Nights or a Garden Party etc; allocation of (liasion) roles to SCR members on the committee

New Members

Ex officio new members: **Kate Fenwick**, **Pippa Bell** (tutors new to the SCR), **Catherine Theobald** (new Financial Controller), **David Rushton** (new Chaplain), **Ikeri Koskinen** and **Stephen Leonard** (new Fellows)

Appointed as new members: **Andrew Mein** (Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible / Old Testament in the Department of Theology and Religion), **Sarah Buxton** (Honorary Fellow in Modern Languages & Cultures), **Alix Collingwood-Swinburn** (Curator, western art, University Library and Heritage Collections); **Susan Hart** (Dean of Durham Business School)

Elected as new members: **Carolyn Ramsbotham** (event manager: Lumiere Festival, WWI Centenary weekend etc; Board Member of Visit County Durham and runs tourism business in Weardale. Nominated The Principal; Seconded Jonathan Blackie); **Andrew Pearson** (alumnus, now Deputy Head at Durham School. Nominated Mark Roberts; Seconded The Principal); **Heather Mew** (alumnus, now PhD candidate at Newcastle University researching class, inequality and resistance. Nominated Sofia Ropek Hewson; Seconded Dave Eaton); **Dom Birch** (alumnus, PhD at King's College, London researching legal pluralism in early modern England. Nominated The Principal; Seconded Frederik Seidelin); **Curtis Runstedler** (alumnus, recently submitted his PhD dissertation in Medieval Literature. Nominated Mike Huxtable; Seconded Nick Barton); **Samuel Lindan** (Alumnus of Chad's, completing an MA in Classics in 2015–16, recently returned to Durham for work; former chair of MCR. Nominated Martin Wright, Seconded Irene Roding); **Venerable Stephen Robbins CB** (Honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral and a former Chaplain General of the British army. Nominated Michael Snape, Seconded Gordon Harper); **Patricia Wetherill**

(Durham GP, principally at the University Health Centre, now retired. Nominated Andrew Kent; Seconded The Principal); **Brian Gowthorpe** (Alumnus, just retired to Northumberland. Nominated: Mark Roberts, Seconded The Principal); **Anthony Richmond** (Alumnus, former Bursar of Collingwood. Nominated: Mark Roberts, Seconded Paul Braidford); **Daniel Cook** (Organist and Master of the Choristers at the Cathedral. Nominated Rosalind Brown, Seconded The Principal); **Stephen Martin** (Honorary Professor of Psychiatry, Chiang Mai University Medical School. Nominated Ashley Wilson, Seconded The Principal); **Khwanchai Martin** (Director of the Baan Dong Bang Museum and Education Centre, Thailand, a not-for-profit educational trust, Nominated Ashley Wilson, Seconded The Principal)

The date of the **next SCR meeting** is provisionally 22nd Feb 2018

AOB None

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