



St Chad's College, Durham SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Minutes of the meeting held at 6pm in the Chapel on 17th May 2018

Present: Mark Roberts (Treasurer, in the Chair), Margaret Masson, Joan Mills, Eleanor Spencer-Regan, Alistair Jenkins, Sean Kelly, Jenny Parker, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, David Rushton, Tony Chapman, Jane Manley, Gillian Allnutt, Dick Watson, Pauline Watson, Colin Ferguson, Gordon Harper, Richard Slack, Maeva Sherlock, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, Alex Barber, David Stanley, Iain Edgar, Sarah Banks, Robert Guthrie, Paul Chandler, Andrew Kent, Andrew Pearson, Stuart Watson, Tim Packer.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Richard de Robeck, Curtis Runstedler, Anthony Anderson, John Hanks, Michael Snape, Barbara-Anne Robinson, Richard Hird, Colin Woodward, Jean Woodward, Jonathan Moreland, Mervyn Ellis, Simon Grant, Eva Griffith, Toby Breckon, Gerard Loughlin, Sam Moore, Sue Shaw, Carolyn Ramsbotham, Elizabeth Roberts, Bill Apedaile, Edwin Holmes, Jessica Holmes, Iain Lindsey, David Crookes, Michael Sadgrove, Richard Monk, Enid Pearson, Anthony Parton, Janice Wailes-Parton, Bill Wylie, Annette Wylie, Rosalind Brown, Fred Robinson, David Hunt, James Randle, Katie Randle, Sarah Green, Pippa Bell, David Stancliffe, Diane Collecott, Brian Gowthorpe, Philip Watson, Anna Montague-Johnson, Stephen Regan.

Opening Remarks: The Treasurer was in the Chair due to the resignation of the President before the beginning of term and the incapacity of the Secretary due to illness. The Treasurer, on behalf of the SCR, thanked Bill Apedaile for this dedication and service as President during his term and noted that there would be opportunity for the SCR to thank him formally at the end of term. The Treasurer also voiced thanks to Paul Braidford for his six years' service as Secretary including his innovations in introducing the on-line formal sign-up and the weekly bulletin. The SCR wished Paul a speedy recovery. We hope to be able to thank Paul formally for his work for the SCR at the end of term.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2018: The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising: The Treasurer noted that members had been sent the SCR Income and Expenditure paper some weeks ago, and he thanked those who had responded. He noted that due to the lack of an SCR committee it would have been disingenuous to discuss this issue at this meeting and to make and vote on binding proposals before a new President and Secretary were in place. This item would be held over to the next meeting in Michaelmas Term. Given this delay he asked for members to look again at this detailed document and to respond with thoughts and ideas on how the SCR should receive its income and how it should spend its funds most efficaciously.

Election of President: Colin Ferguson, proposed by Sue Shaw and seconded by Sean Kelly was elected. No-one was against and there were no abstentions. Colin will serve for three years until the AGM in 2021

Election of Secretary: Jenny Parker, proposed Jane Manley and seconded Mark Roberts was elected. No-one was against and there was one abstention. Jenny will serve for three years until the AGM on 2021.

President's Report: The President sent a written report in which he expressed his gratitude for the support of Paul Braidford as secretary and praised his initiatives for keeping

in touch with members and his thanks to Gillian Boughton for including members in social events organised for members of St Mary's College SCR. He reported on the success of the first Cassidy Memorial Lecture by Ann Loades on Saturday April 28 2018, with the next being Prof Christopher Andrew on October 22nd, on "Russian Intelligence – from Stalin to Putin". Professor Onora Baroness O'Neill has been invited to give the lecture in 2019. He resigned from office on 26th March 2018.

Principal's Report: The Principal reported on the sad events in College with the death and funeral of Avery Tang and asked all to stand for a minute's silence. She continued with an update on the exams period in College, new scholarships in memory of Sandi Russell and the success of the first Cassidy Lecture. Members were invited to forthcoming events: Gillian Allnutt's poetry book launch on 23rd May, the arts festival "Durham for Refugees" on 9th June, and Pauline Watson's book launch on 19th June. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing President Bill Apedaile and the Secretary Paul Braidford for their hard work and support of the College and she expressed her appreciation of all they had done. The Principal invited the Bursar to speak about work on College buildings. He mentioned refurbishments completed on the kitchen, Trinity Hall, 3rd floor Post Graduate rooms and 2nd floor Undergraduate rooms in Main College. Upcoming maintenance jobs over the summer include clearing out the basements, removing the wall in the garden, upgrading the gardens, upgrading a 1st floor WC and the staff room. Listed building consent has been sought for the Halladay Room and to replace the garage door on Bow Lane. New ideas were being canvassed for a gym in the gardens, music practice rooms where the gym currently is and reconsideration of the reception area and entrance to the College. Ian Zass-Ogilvie expressed the thanks of the SCR to Ian and his team for their hard work.

Treasurer's Report: The 2016-17 accounts were accepted without question. The bank account on 30th September 2017 stood at £4,199.89. A paper has been circulated outlining options for expenditure and inviting comments by Michaelmas term. The accounts for Q1 & Q2 2017-18 show a surplus of c£1500. Ian Zass-Ogilvie suggested this should be spent. The Treasurer reminded him that ideas for this were in the paper submitted previously circulated and included with the agenda and that members should feed back to the committee their own thoughts. Iain Edgar asked whether in the accounts SCR subscription donations and additional voluntary donations should be disaggregated. The Treasurer responded explaining that he had intended to do this but did not have the time; this is a rather complicated administrative task. The amounts will be shown separately at the next and future meetings.

New Members

Ex officio new members: **Revd Mark Woodruff**, alumnus, Chair of Governing Body
Elected: **Dr Joshua Rogers**, alumnus, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Dept of Physics – proposer Mike Huxtable, seconder Margaret Masson; **Dr Dana Durkee**, alumna, Postdoctoral Research Associate, History Dept, University of Exeter – proposer Martin Wright, seconder Oliver Burnham; **Gavin O'Malley**, Durham graduate (St Cuthbert's Society), Governor of Frankland Prison – proposer Peter Fisher, seconder Elizabeth Fisher.

The date of the next SCR meeting: To be announced

AOB None

In the absence of further business the Treasurer closed the meeting at 6.44 pm.