

*The Minutes of*  
**THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OPEN COUNCIL**

Wednesday 30th April 2025, Mansfield College, 19.16 BST.

**Present**

**The President** (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **Social Secretary and Acting President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **The Director of Communications and Acting Secretary** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **The Returning Officer, President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Secretary Emeritus** (Richanne Davies, *University College*)

**Apologies**

**The Returning Officer Emeritus** (Julian Wang, *University College*); **Treasurer Emeritus** (Benedict Masters, *New College*)

**Attending**

**The Whip** (Felix Mottram, *St Edmund Hall*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*); **The Access and Welfare Officer** (Ava Doherty, *Brasenose College*); **Ordinary Member** (Isaac Cusworth, *Worcester College*)

**Honorary Members:**

The Ex-RO proposes **re-ratification of Shermar Pryce as an honorary member**, seconded by RO. Objection by Ordinary Member, Worcester College. **Passes**

RO proposes **Joe Bell as honorary member**, seconded by President. **Passes.**

**By-Elections: for President-Elect and Secretary**

**President yields the Chair to the Returning Officer** for elections. Secretary Emeritus minutes the meeting.

**Theo Cunningham** (candidate for president-elect) and **Harry Morgan** (candidate for secretary) are both running on **paddleboarding slate**.

**The hustings for President-Elect begin:**

***Theo Cunningham's Hust:***

- Claims that we have people in the society from all backgrounds and all come to our events
- We can fill gaps for people who don't have somewhere else to go.
- People want to come to our events
- We need to keep bringing in people to our events via collabs

**Questions to the candidate:**

**Question** from Ex-Returning Officer: Do you see authoritarians?

**Answer:** liberals can self identify as authoritarian and he cannot identify them, they need to self-identify

**Question** from Ordinary Member, Worcester College: What are your dream societies to collab with, and why is it Oscar Wilde soc?

**Answer:** Have to prefer the ones who have come in the past and done crewdates with. Wish to expand. Makes no preference.

***None of the Above Hust (undertaken by the SDRO):***

- Democracy is bad
- Protest for democracy
- Vote for none of the above as elections are fun

**Question** from ex RO: do you identify as None of the Above

**Answer:** No, I am Theo Cunningham.

**The Hustings for the Office of Secretary begin:**

***Harry Morgan's Hust:***

- Role needs a degree of competency
- He had been studying the constitution
- He wants to work hard with President and RO
- He wants to try to achieve administrative roles

**Question** from ex-RO: What approach would you take to delegate if needed?

**Answer:** Ask advice

**Question** from President: You said you have been studying the constitution do you see yourself as another constitutional author such as Alexander Hamilton? And if hypothetically you were minuting meeting of Trump and Zelensky in Rome, what is the strategy?

**Answer:** You missed William Lawson off of your list of constitutional authors, and in the spirit of Keir Starmer he would be the one who creates peace.

***Hust for None of the Above (undertaken by the Ex-RO):***

- Unironically think a few joke votes for none of the above would be fun

**Question** from SDRO- what is your favourite minute?

**Answer:** 13.01

*Hustings are concluded.*

Anyone that arrives before **19:40** will be able to vote. (later revised to **20:00**)

Open Council closes for now.

Open Council re-opens at **20:29** by the President.

RO announces the **results of the Elections.**

**Secretary:**

- 2 Spoilt/Blank/Void
- 1 first preference for None of the Above
- 17 first preferences for Harry Morgan

*Harry Morgan elected as Secretary*

**President-Elect:**

- 1 Spoilt/Blank/Void
- 0 first preferences for None of the Above
- 19 first preferences for Theo Cunningham

*Theo Cunningham elected as President-Elect*

Meeting Closed at **20:30** by the President.

**Any other business**

*None submitted.*

Minuted by,  
 Harry Morgan,  
 The Secretary, *Pembroke College*.  
 (and Richanne Davies,  
 The Secretary Emeritus, *University College*)