

The Ex Camera Minutes of
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday 5th February 2025, Mansfield College

Present

The President (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **The Vice President** (Vee Kumar, *Worcester College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **The Social Secretary** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Director of Communications** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **Richanne Davies** (Vice-President Emeritus, *University College*); **The Returning Officer Emeritus** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*).

Apologies

The Chief Whip (Felix Mottram, *St Edmund's Hall*); **The Returning Officer** (Julian Wang, *University College*)

Absent without Apologies

None.

Attending

The Chief Whip (Felix Mottram, *St Edmund's Hall*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*); **The Chief of Staff** (Liza Barkova, *Christ Church*); **The Access and Welfare Officer** (Isabel Valovin, *Mansfield College*); **The Ordinary Member** (Shermar Pryce, *University College*); **The Ordinary Member** (Isaac Cusworth, *Brasenose College*).

The President opened the meeting of Council at 18:43 GMT.

EX RO: On behalf of the returning officer I am *moving a non-binding motion against the VP*. According to SO 4C if someone is *not doing their duty it has to be brought to the council*. The VP is in

dereliction because in *1st week the VP did not circulate the agenda at least 48 hours before a meeting*. I have been obliged to move a motion of no confidence due to the *repeat of this the week after*. The constitution considers this to be dereliction of duty and forces me to move a motion of no confidence. I have no personal stake in this, I am obliged to do this by the Constitution. *All members must obey the rules*.

President: There have been a *number of rules violations as a result of teething issues* rather than due to a systematic issue to not do their duties. The most recent violation of the standing order was the result of an administrative error. A series of amendments were sent to the members, which was minor rules changes. It was a *technical issue rather than a dereliction of duty*. Other *failures are entwined with my own actions*, including a failure to minute a council meeting because I told her not to minute a council minute due to the presence of 30 under-dressed swimmers from the swimming social in the JCR whom I think would've made it impossible to hold open council. *I do not think that this is a good idea, all it will do is show discord*.

Questions to the President:

EX RO: Will you correct that the amendments - do serious things and not just joke things?

President: Yes, but we are debating this rather than serious aspects of disciplinary procedure.

Mr Cusworth: Who would replace the VP?

Pres Em: There would be a by election and the VP could run in it

Prevent re-entry of appointed position:

Removal of office for the entirety of term (Moved by Pres Em, Seconded by EX RO) – 19:02 (passed unanimous) (Future Secretary: unsure what this means?)

Other Business?

Revoked honorary member? (Unknown who)

Pres Em: Need to insert a heckle for the French

President: Undermines the sanctity for the rules

EX RO: 'Will get fucked'

Pres Em: List of heckles, 'old' 'resign' 'commie' etc

VP: Takes away from the seriousness of rules

President: I understand the law I just don't respect it

Pres Em: Its non-binding whereas the serious parts are binding

President: Nothing in the rules about non-binding no confidence motion for 2/3rd or majority rules

Pres Em: If we don't register with proctors then we can remove non-binding motions of no confidence

President: Either increase the threshold for dereliction of duty or keep non-binding motions of no confidence. Also, what's the difference between closed council and open?

EX RO: Closed council shouldn't have much power

Pres Em: Open council is packable. As can be seen by how the room increased in members of no con vote.

Pres Em: Don't register with proctors, change it to constitution 'standing orders' and rules. Separate

The President closes the meeting of Council at 19:19 GMT.

Minuted by,

Vee Kumar,

The Vice President, *Worcester College.*