

*The Ex Camera Minutes of*

## **THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOSED COUNCIL**

Wednesday 7th May 2025, Mansfield College Gardens, 19:00 BST

### **Present**

**The President** (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **The Secretary** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **Returning Officer, President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Secretary Emeritus** (Richanne Davies, *University College*); **The Publications Officer** (Milo Donovan, *Lincoln College*).

### **Apologies**

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

### **Absent without Apologies**

None.

The positions of **The Director of Communications** and **Social Secretary** remain vacant.

### **Attending**

**The Ex-Returning Officer** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*); **The Access and Welfare Officer** (Ava Doherty, *Brasenose College*); **Senior Deputy Returning Officer** (Joseph Kay, *Worcester College*); **Ordinary Member** (Liza Barkova, *Christ Church*).

*The President-Elect opens the meeting at 19:25.*

### **Ratification of previous minutes**

**The Secretary** moves to ratify the minutes from the Week 1 meeting of Closed Council. He also moves to ratify the minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting of Closed Council in Week 1 (3/5/25).

Seconded by **the Returning-Officer**

**Objected by Ex-RO** - Requests an amendment around who voted in non-binding, indicative vote on Proctors Registration.

*With amendment, Passes.*

### **Changes to the composition of Closed Council**

None.

### **Business of The President** (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*)

None declared.

**RO:** Are you going to ratify a new Director of Communications and Social Sec. **Pres:** will do - not today.

### **Business of the President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*)

Requests that people help get drinks? **Access and Welfare Officer** is happy to help.

**President-Elect** yields chair to **President** at 19:28. President immediately yields the chair to **RO**.

### **Business of the Treasurer** (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*)

*None.*

### **Business of the Secretary** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*)

**The Secretary** questions the wording of the second motion at tonight's LnL about a Bollywood Tariff - in light of recent international developments - President of Oximun who are a collab in today's LnL is against the wording. EX-RO expresses support for change.

**RO** - Council should not talk over each other.

**The Secretary** requests an update on who is going to T&D's (*Pres, RO, Pres Elect express their attendance*), who is doing PMQ's (*Pres decides: Pres, Pres Elect, RO/Access and Welfare*), and what is the plan for the Cambridge trip (*Plan to go on train - President - book Airbnb - event at 19:30. RO - release sign up form.*)

**The Secretary** informs Closed Council that he *has filled in the Open Council Mailing List*. In terms of how people can be added, he will in the next weekly email include the Microsoft form to be added to Open Council.

### **Business of the Returning Officer, President Emeritus (Zagham Farhan, University College)**

- 1) **MailChimp Premium proposed by RO.** Seconded by EX-RO. Pres/Sec/RO would then all have access with 3 separate emails.

**Webmaster** (speaking rights proposed by RO, sec by EX-RO) - use VP email for backup - already exists. Change VP to Sec.

**RO** - has to send lots for elections week 6.

**Webmaster** - What about the PPS? Do they have access - needs email.

MailChimp Premium *passes with no objections.*

- 2) **Financial Discussion.** £80 loss last week at L and L reported by the Treasurer. But have lots of alcohol left over. Spent £130 this week, President-Elect informs Council. RO suggests we have a full financial meeting soon.

- 3) **Proctors Registration - Rules changes to Senior/Junior system**

**RO:** Public Liability insurance- argues that YL does not cover our public liability

**EX- RO** disputes this. Also concerns over Brookes membership not being covered by public liability.

**RO:** Termly elections - Pres Em amendment works. Go back to General Meeting and decide that.

**RO:** Closed Council empowered to change the rules. Saturday was a non-binding vote - this was agreed. In principle - lots of ex-officers: weak attachment

**Access and Welfare:** the Brasenose alumni had a very similar issue, wants to raise further

**Secretary Emeritus:** wants to consider the female perspective, raising the issue of sexual harassment, and how the majority of the disciplinary committee being men and most women would feel uncomfortable with this given the vulnerability and sensitivity of the issue. The formal route is more impartial and effective. It's a question about who to report harassment to.

**Access and Welfare:** Recognises her lack of training and suitability for dealing with sexual harassment

**EX-RO:** there will always be problems. Secondly, proctor registration provides two ways. Issues with hosting LnL at private institutions. Discrimination against Brookes from Proctors. Proctors find too many loopholes to justify non-intervention. Argues that Proctors stay open but there are other routes.

**SDRO:** Supports registration, understands implications that have occurred with OUCA. Suggests a full investigation on the issue. Particularly concerning YL (Young Liberals). OSLA needs the ex-officers available to deal with investigations in disciplinary behaviour; but, what kind of disciplinary behaviour. We need to clear the lines up.

**The President** interrupts the discussion reporting on LnL situation where room booking had failed: suggest it could be held in a seminar room, but must be quiet. He actions this idea.

**Secretary Emeritus:** Proctors have no power to ban people if we are not registered

**RO** moves for Council to go *in camera*. Seconded by Secretary. *Passes*

**RO** moves to go *ex-camera*. Seconded by the Secretary. *Passes*.

**RO** moves to *adjourn meeting* 19:58.

*RO re-opens the meeting at 20:02. RO closes the meeting at 20:02.*

### **Action Items**

**P1:** The President has to ratify a new Director of Communications and Social Secretary

**AW1:** The Access and Welfare Officer will help get drinks in future

**P2:** The President, President-Elect, and either the RO or the Access and Welfare Officer will speak for OSLA at PMQ's.

**S1:** The Secretary will put open council mailing list sign-up form in the next weekly email

**T1 and W1:** The Society MailChimp account will be upgraded to premium by the Treasurer and the Webmaster

**RO2:** A full financial meeting will be held at some point

**RO3:** The Proctors Registration discussion will be brought back

Minuted by,

Harry Morgan ,

The Secretary, *Pembroke College*.