

*The Ex Camera Minutes of*

## THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOSED COUNCIL

Wednesday 30th April 2025, Mansfield College, 18.50 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*); **Returning Officer, President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Secretary Emeritus** (Richanne Davies, *University College*); **The Ex-Returning Officer** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*).

### Apologies

**The Returning Officer Emeritus** (Julian Wang, *University College*).

### Absent without Apologies

None.

Positions of **Treasurer Emeritus** and **Publications Editor** currently vacant.

### Attending

**The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*), **The Access and Welfare Officer** (Ava Doherty, *Brasenose College*)

*The President opened the meeting at 18.51.*

### Discussion about Proper Minuting:

The Ex-Returning Officer reports on the meeting of the Emeritus Committee in the case of RO v Kumar. Concludes that in future it is very important that the minutes and recordings are in fact done by the Secretary each week. **Closed Council appoints Harry Morgan and Webmaster to work**

alongside the Returning Officer to make sure all minutes and recordings are satisfactory - fulfilling role of Emeritus Committee.

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

**The President** moves to ratify junior offices. Puts forward:

- Ex-Vice President **Sebastian Evans** (*The Queen's College*) for the role of **Political Officer**
- Ex-Political Officer **Milo Donovan** (*Lincoln College*) as **Publications Officer**
- Re-appointing **Felix Mottram** (*St Edmund Hall*) as **The Whip**
- Ordinary Member **Peter** (surname) (*Worcester College*) as **The Presidential Private Secretary**

*These all pass unopposed.*

**Business of the Social Secretary and Acting President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*)

None.

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

None.

**Business of the Acting-Secretary and The Director of Communications** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*)

None.

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

**The Returning Officer** moves to ratify Ordinary Member **Benedict Masters** (*New College*) as Treasurer Emeritus - reminds Council that must pass by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority.

Vote held - passed with 5 out of 6 votes. The President votes against. *Passes*

The Whip enters at 18.58.

The Returning Officer moves to ratify appointment of **Deputy Returning Officers**. There were 6 application including one from a non-member. The **Returning Officer Emeritus Julian Wang** (*University College*) registered. Candidates ranked by experience: **Joseph Kay** (DRO, *Worcester College*), **Adam Ballman** (DRO, *Magdalen College*), **Adam Turner** (Ordinary Member, *St Cross College*), **Edmund Smith** (Ordinary Member, *Corpus Christi College*), **Benedict Masters** (Ordinary Member, *New College*). Any Ex-RO's and up to 3 others can be appointed as DRO's. RO puts forward Wang and the 3 with the most experience.

*Wang, Kay, Ballman, Turner all pass as DRO's without objection.*

Isaac Cusworth does not have speaking rights.

**Discussion of Standing Order Amendment 13** - minuting obligations.

Acting Secretary has questions. Ex-RO asserts potential issues - main point that minutes have to be a fair and accurate representation of discussion.

*Vote deferred.*

**Discussion of Standing Order 14** - returning officers archive.

Ex-RO inserts amendment. Proposed by RO, seconded by President. *Passes.*

**Membership Fee discussion.**

Acting Secretary suggests lower. RO reminds the council that the initial membership fee can be reduced from the set amount. The President suggests £15 for life membership and £8 for yearly membership. *Passes.*

**Business of the Treasurer Emeritus** (*Benedict Masters, New College*)

None - not present, only just ratified.

**Business of the Secretary Emeritus** (*Richanne Davies, University College*)

None.

**Business of the Publications Editor** (*Milo Donovan, Lincoln College*)

None - just ratified.

**Any other business**

None.

**Action Items**

RO1: **The Returning Officer** is to bring back Standing Order 13.

RO2: **The Returning Officer** is to bring back Standing Order 15.

**The President** closes the meeting at 19.06.

Minuted by,

Harry Morgan,

The Acting Secretary, *Pembroke College*.