

The Ex Camera Minutes of

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOSED COUNCIL

Friday 16th May 2025, Cambridge Spoons, 18:30 BST

Present

In person:

The President (Will Lawson, *Mansfield College*); **President-Elect** (Theo Cunningham, *St John's College*); **The Secretary** (Harry Morgan, *Pembroke College*); **The Social Secretary** (Joseph Cryan, *New College*).

Online:

The Treasurer (Lauren Crabtree, *Pembroke College*); **Returning Officer, President Emeritus** (Zagham Farhan, *University College*); **The Publications Officer** (Milo Donovan, *Lincoln College*); **The Ex-Returning Officer** (Oliver Jones-Lyons, *Christ Church*); **The Webmaster** (Hayden Williams, *Oxford Brookes*).

Apologies

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

Absent without Apologies

None.

Position of **The Director of Communications** is currently vacant.

The President opened the meeting at some point in the evening of 19th May whilst in *The Regal*, a JD Wetherspoons in Cambridge.

The President moves to *adjourn the meeting until at least 10:30 the following day*. Seconded by the Secretary. *Passes*.

The EX-RO wishes the society a great time in Cambridge.

The meeting closes. The Cambridge lot head off to get a curry before Spirited Discussions.

The meeting is re-opened by the **President** at 13:35 BST Saturday 17th May.

(Note that given the meeting was initially recorded and the minutes were compiled later, they will reflect a real account of events on the in person side of the meeting, but will fail to accurately represent the online side of the meeting - i.e: the RO and the EX-RO so a lot of the meeting).

The President confirms that we are in Closed Council.

Ratification of previous minutes

The Secretary moves to ratify the minutes from the Extraordinary meeting of Closed Council held on 11th May.

Seconded by President.

Passes.

Changes to the composition of Closed Council

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Discussion about Standing Order 15: Policy Meetings

- RO - what about emergency policy meetings if we go to war?
- President - could do policy meeting in Kings Arms. Is notice required? The President is instructed to read the standing order.
- *Screaming from the River Cam. The President Elect is talking about Trump's administration with Non-member (Pembroke College, Cambridge): 'the US is in decay.'*
- President confirms that the duty will be on the Political Officer to organise a policy meeting and he informs him.
- The Social Secretary questions who can vote. The Standing Order affirms that it is all members, not in another political party. RO suggests the committee gets two votes.

RO proposes the motions with new amendments, seconded by the EX-RO. No objections. Motion passes. The President has made the political officer aware.

President: any other business?

Gladstone debate:

- Confirmed: Kay, Leader, Lawson, Cunningham, Morgan, Farhan.
- President: does Lauren want to speak? She has gone MIA!! The mystery continues... 'speak now or forever hold your peace'
- Secretary - wants willow to speak, said it 4 times. We are all too tory, Leader is the only labour one.
- President - we need two more speakers.
- RO - post is needed. Secretary has prepared a post. Will put it up.

Ratification of Thomas Dorey as Director of Communications proposed by the President.

Seconded by the EX-RO. No objections. Passes.

Back to Gladstone debate:

- President thinks Willow. RO prefers Hattie as a speaker.

President moves to go *in camera*. Seconded by the Secretary. *Passes*.

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

None.

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

None.

Business of the Social Secretary (Joseph Cryan, *New College*)

None.

Business of the Director of Communications (Thomas Dorey, *Oxford Brookes*)

None, just ratified.

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

None.

Any other business

None.

Action Items

PO1: Political Officer organises a policy meeting this term.

P1: President Contacts the final two speakers for the Gladstone debate.

S1: Secretary makes Gladstone debate post.

Other: Someone brings a SO to bring Hayden in camera permanently.

***The President** closes the meeting at 14:02 BST.*

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Minuted by,

Harry Morgan,

The Secretary, *Pembroke College.*