

Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday 2nd June, 2pm, Old College Office

Attendance:

Professor Worster, Senior Tutor
Dr Pullen, Junior Bursar
Professor Hilton, Steward
Professor Gray, Dean
Eleanor Newbiggin
Beci Dobbin
Stuart Haigh, TCSU Senior Treasurer
BA Society President
BA Society Secretary
BA Society Liaison Officer
TCSU Secretary

Apologies:

Mr Landman, Senior Bursar
Dr Fitzgerald
TCSU President
TCSU Vice-President
Revd Alice Goodman, Chaplain

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

5.1. Supervision reports system to be looked at over the summer

2. Matters arising from College Council

No matters arising from College Council.

3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

3.1. Room rents 2010-11

College Operating costs will increase by at least 8% this year compared to last.

According to Government figures the Retail Price Index across the country (ie inflation) is now 5.4% and rising.

The Junior Bursar will recommend to College that room rents increase by at least 6%.

3.2. Gym subscription rates for 2010-11

Gym membership is currently £6 per term and will increase to £7 per term next year.

3.3. Fire equipment – standard penalty

The Dean, Senior Tutor, and Junior Bursar have agreed that from next term a fine of £100 will be imposed on anyone caught tampering with fire equipment. Other sanctions may also apply.

The new sanction will go into the new Accommodation Handbook.

3.4. ANUK peer review visit 1st June – de-brief

ANUK accredit the colleges as providers of student accommodation via a peer review system. Trinity was reviewed on the 1st June. Overall it seemed to go well, but the formal report is awaited.

3.5. Kitchen project – progress

The work on the new kitchens is unlikely to be finished by the start of term in October, and once the work is done, further time will be needed to bring the old rooms back into operation.

Due to noise issues, the drainage work through Neville's gate was halted and will not start again until after exams have finished. This will not delay the programme further. Potential issues for Freshers week and BA start of year events will need to be considered by the various planning committees.

3.6. Noise problems: Sainsburys and Heffers

Sainsburys and Heffers have both given College extremely short notice before commencing building works.

Some work has to be done at night because the town centre is designated as a commercial area, not residential. This can cause noise issues for students living near the works.

College and the Bidwells representatives will meet with lawyers to work out a forewarning system for future works. This should give College time to arrange alternative accommodation for affected students, should it be needed.

3.7. 38 Trinity street: refurbishment

38 Trinity Street has been vacated and is going to be refurbished and turned into offices for College use.

Rooms currently being used as offices will then be available for student accommodation. Work will start in September and should not cause any serious disturbance. There are currently no plans to take any Angel Court rooms out of action while work takes place.

3.8. Old Field: update

New lights have been installed and the pavilion has a new lock.

The CCTV cameras are currently not monitored in real time, but options for making this possible are being investigated.

Action to strengthen the perimeter fencing is also in hand.

Some problems have been encountered with students directing abuse at the groundsmen at locking up time, particularly with the gates into the whole area.

Action: TCSU and BA society to ask students to respect the fact that Old Field will be locked between 10pm and 7am

3.9. Angel Court gate: security and safety

The gate from Angel Court onto the cobbles can pose risks to tourists when people cycle out at speed.

Action: TCSU to ask students to take care around the tourists

3.10. BA car park on Portugal Street

Reports of large amounts of vehicle movement suggest that extra key copies may exist for the padlock.

The lock is to be changed and new keys issued to the legitimate holders.

Action: Junior Bursar to warn BA Society before the change so they can alert users

4. Steward's Business

4.1 Food Pricing

The Steward will recommend to College that food prices go up by 6% from October. The kitchen deficit may require a review next year.

Trinity's Formal Hall may also be reviewed, and may become more expensive.

Action: TCSU to get student feedback on improved but more expensive Formals

5. Matters arising from TCSU

5.1. Wireless internet throughout college

TCSU enquired about plans for extending wireless cover to the whole of college, which will also save the cost of free internet cables issued to students.

There are currently plans to extend the network, but several practical problems need to be dealt with before it can happen.

Under University rules we are not allowed to connect independent hubs or other devices to the network. Only those approved by them are permitted, and must be installed by the College itself.

College's thick walls pose a problem, meaning that more hubs will be required.

College only has a certain amount of bandwidth allowed by the University, which will be harder to monitor if the whole system uses wifi.

The Computing department are looking to resolve these issues.

Action: TCSU Computing Officer to liaise with the Computing department over wifi issues

5.2. Security and Salto locks in Whewells

The student body is generally in favour of the increased security in Whewells Court.

Temporary cards will be issued to external students who have supervisions in Whewells.

5.3. Hall receipts

TCSU proposes that the issuing of Hall receipts be made on request only so that College can save paper and speed up the Hall queue.

Action: The Steward to look into the possibility of changing the receipt system

5.4. Laundry Proposals

TCSU enquired about the progress on Laundry proposals.

Discussions are ongoing with contractors. If implemented, there will be fewer laundrettes, but each one will contain more machines, and will be operated and serviced by the contractors.

An arrangement will hopefully have been agreed by next term.

6. Matters arising from the BA society

No matters from the BA society.

7. AOB

No other business