

## **Liaison Committee Minutes**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 2pm, Old College Office

### **Attendance:**

Professor Worster, Senior Tutor  
Dr Pullen, Junior Bursar  
Professor Gray, Dean  
Chris Stolz, Chaplain  
Dr Sarris, Steward  
Mr Corbett, Fellow  
Sarah Dew, TCSU President  
Anna Elliot, TCSU Vice-President  
Amber Stevenson, TCSU Secretary

### **Apologies:**

Stuart Haigh, Senior Treasurer of TCSU  
Stan Wang, Liaison Committee Officer  
Rory Landman, Senior Bursar  
Dmitri Levitin, Fellow

## **1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes**

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

### **1.1 Lighting**

There is an ongoing discussion about low-level lighting on the Avenue.

## **2. Matters arising from College Council**

### **2.1 Freshers' Week**

The Senior Tutor thanked TCSU for organising a successful freshers' week. The Junior Bursar added that there had been positive feedback about the Burrell's Ent clean up.

## **3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar**

### **3.1 British Heart Foundation clothing bank**

The Junior Bursar reported that since we got the banks Trinity has collected 247 bags (1,998 in all of Cambridge). College council has decided that the two large skips will stay until the end of term, but the bins will go.

### **3.2 Blackboard by Great Gate**

The Field Club would like a blackboard near Great Gate so they can announce results and fixtures. Council has agreed to this, but it needs to be decided where to put it as it's old space was lost after the refurbishment of that area. To create a new attachment needs the permission of the heritage officer.

### **3.3 River bank staithe repairs**

Repairs will be carried out on the bridge and punt staithe. Steel sheeting will be put into the river bed and it will be capped with timber so when the water comes up it will look the same. This is because the bank has collapsed and repairs take place every January of an even numbered year – this is the only time when the Cambridge conservators will lower the river. It hasn't yet been approved by college council but it has been by the

college building committee. The work will start on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January and will go on for two weeks (into full term). There will be some noise.

### **3.4 New Court Refurbishment**

Work has been done over the Long Vacation on re-planning. College council will need to agree to the out proposal to the fellowship and after that there will need to be a ballot. There will be no decision until mid-November. Work may start during the middle of the academic year. The BA society president asked what the prospects were for postgrads staying in New Court – what were the chances they could continue to stay until after December. The Junior Bursar said that if College council say no to the ballot then the grads can certainly stay, if they say yes to it then the outcome will be known in November. Whether or not a ballot is happening will be known by the start of next week. Even if there is a positive decision about New Court Refurbishment then the work still may not start in January and will not continue throughout exam term.

### **3.5 Launderettes**

The Junior Bursar reported that we currently have 48 machines and that there have been problems with the card readers. These cannot be removed as the machines will not function without them. An idea was to replace the machines with ones with SALTO locks but this will cost £30,000 and the College building committee have said no. Another option would be to shut the smaller launderettes and improve the machines in the larger ones – the bigger ones are located in Burrell's Field and Angel Court and have ten machines in each.

## **4. Steward's Business**

Nothing to report

## **5. Dean's Business**

### **5.1 Freshers' week and rowdy behaviour in college**

The Dean congratulated TCSU and the BA Society on freshers' week. However he pointed out that during the week many people had to be picked up by Porters and that there were reports of students drinking too much. There have also been reports of disorder on student tables in formal hall, including a reported episode of knife throwing. The Dean said that he believes behind all of this is the matter of alcohol, and that formal hall cannot be allowed to descend into this. If there is a benefactor at the high table in particular, then there is a big problem. The college is keeping an eye on the situation.

### **5.2 Great Court run**

On Saturday there will be the Great Court run. The Dean asked TCSU to remind people about it, with a proviso about the weather as if it rains then it cannot happen. It will be followed by light drinks and pizza in the bar – the pizza will happen rain or no rain.

## **6. Matters arising from TCSU**

Nothing to report

## **7. Matters arising from the BA society**

### **7.1 Use of the Bar**

The BA Society president reported that from speaking to grads, she has ascertained that they do not use the bar apart from on Fridays after formal. She suggested introducing an informal grad night with a few free drinks for the first ones there and to make it a regular

thing. The president of TCSU says that the TCSU welfare officers have been putting on fortnightly bar quizzes which have been very successful, and that they are going to try and get lots of freshers to go to the one on Sunday. The Steward said that they would have to speak to the bar manager to check but that provisionally it was a good idea.

8. **AOB**  
Nothing to report.