

## Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm, Old College Office

### Attendance:

Professor Worster, Senior Tutor  
Dr Pullen, Junior Bursar  
Professor Hilton, Steward  
Mr Landman, Senior Bursar  
Revd Alice Goodman, Chaplain  
Dr Stuart Haigh, TCSU Senior Treasurer  
Dr Beci Dobbin  
BA Society President  
TCSU Secretary

### Apologies:

Professor Windle, Acting Dean  
Dr Fitzgerald  
BA Society Secretary  
BA Society Liaison Officer  
TCSU President  
TCSU Vice-President

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

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

### 2. Matters arising from College Council

No matters arising from College Council.

### 3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

#### **3.1. College intruders - overnight sleeping and alerting Porters**

Porters occasionally find evidence that intruders have been sleeping in the corridors and other public areas of College buildings.

Action: TCSU and BA Society to email students asking them to alert Porters to any intruders.

#### **3.2. Angel Court intruders - arrest made**

Police took students' witness statements. They have now made an arrest regarding the intrusion into Angel Court.

#### **3.3. Portugal Street locks**

Regarding the previous meetings' discussions about Salto locks, the locks in Portugal Street will only be installed on exterior doors.

#### **3.4. Fellows' Garden Salto Locks**

The Fellows' Garden gates do not have release buttons in order to make it more difficult for intruders to get out. The buttons elsewhere around College are because they are emergency exit routes from College buildings.

### **3.5. Tampering with Fire Equipment - more instances**

Charges have now been levied against one student, but other incidents have also occurred.

Action: TCSU and the BA Society to email students reminding them of the danger of tampering with fire equipment.

### **3.6. College contributions to a University Sports Centre**

The University is considering building a Sports Centre on Adams Road, possibly with a swimming pool. An inter-collegiate meeting will shortly take place to discuss this. The capitation fee (currently £4 per student) paid by Trinity would increase to £10 per student if the project is agreed.

Initial response from TCSU and the BA Society is that students would probably prefer Trinity to spend the extra money on Trinity sports facilities rather than university ones, as even if it will have a pool, Trinity already subsidises its students to use the Kelsey Kerridge pool.

However, if the centre becomes agreed as a university requirement, College may need to be involved regardless of its own facilities. Further information on how much they intend to charge students for use of the facilities might be useful to gauge whether it is likely to be successful.

### **3.7. The Mallard from Hall**

There are several different mallards within College. One will possibly be placed in a case in the Bar, if TCSU and the BA society so wish.

### **3.8. Copies of Varsity and Cambridge Student - reduced numbers**

Action: TCSU to ask the newspapers to send fewer copies.

### **3.9. FOI Request: fines**

College has received a Freedom of Information request asking for information on how much it has fined students, and what for. The request comes from outside Cambridge and students should be aware that anonymised data may be published.

### **3.10. Cycling**

Action: TCSU and BA Society to send out emails to the students asking them to wheel their bikes out of Angel Court, not cycle out, as it is not safe.

### **3.11. New Post Office tenant**

The new Post Office tenant will start fitting out from February. Construction noise should mainly affect the Junior Parlour, and once finished, the shop will have noise restrictions. The tenant is an upmarket ladies' clothes shop.

### **3.12. New Court Mockup**

A mockup of the proposed New Court rooms should be ready in the Brewhouse by the end of February showing examples of the finishing options. TCSU and the BA society will be invited to give feedback about the minimum size of room and the choice of finishes.

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

##### **4.1. New Servery: reactions to**

Feedback has been generally positive. The Catering Manager would like to have a more detailed feedback meeting with TCSU similar to the ones held before the changes.

There have also been fears regarding online discussions of excess drinking planned in Hall, and Porters will be available in case of trouble.

Action: Steward, Catering Manager and TCSU to have a feedback meeting

##### **4.2. TCSU proposals for changes to Formal Hall: reactions to**

Students have commented that they do not feel that Formal Hall food has improved enough to justify the price increase. They were also disappointed that they had to get up to get their own water, and that Porters were called in to disperse them after they sang Happy Birthday, as Formal is frequently used for birthday parties.

The 'Bar Gong' has been started, but may need to be made later as at the first Formal of term people did not have time to drink their coffee, so ignored the gong in order to finish, undermining the point of having a gong.

Action: Feedback to be discussed in the meeting with the Catering Manager

#### **5. Matters arising from TCSU**

##### **5.1. Thank you to the Catering department**

TCSU would like to thank the Catering Department for all of the work it has done to make the new Servery such a success.

##### **5.2. Salto locks and Burrell's houses**

Some of the Burrell's houses now have Salto locks on them which only admit the house's occupants, no other Trinity students. This has caused problems for people visiting their friends or attending DoS meetings, especially as not all houses have buzzers. This might be due to problems with people using the kitchens in houses which they do not live in.

Action: Junior Bursar to see if this is intentional or a fault

##### **5.3. Wolfson windows**

Students have complained that the windows in Wolfson barely open, but this is for safety reasons so there is nothing that can be done.

##### **5.4. Feedback from the Dean's meeting with TCSU about behaviour at Formal Hall**

The introduction of a 'Bar Gong' to signal the end of Formal was suggested, to help staff clear the room (see 4.2 above), as was the idea of table reservations to prevent large queues, but this would be too complicated for staff.

The Buttery is going to use stickers on wine bottles rather than ink stamps, as they currently rub off, making it hard for staff to check students' wine on entry.

It is hoped that these measures, along with the more formal atmosphere will help to improve behaviour at Formal. If it does not, the Dean will consider further action.

Action: TCSU to send out an email reminding students that they should dress appropriately and behave properly, and explain the new Bar Gong system.

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

### **6.1. Sky in the Bar**

The Sky subscription in the Bar has not brought them any extra revenue, so it has been cancelled. At the moment the JCR is the only public space in college with access to Sky, which is funded by TCSU.

Action: TCSU and the BA society to discuss splitting the cost of the subscription

### **6.2. Formal tickets for Access events**

The BA society had received a request for formal tickets to be used for an Access initiative, which they declined because the tickets were already over-subscribed. It was noted that visitors on Access events would perhaps find it more useful to experience normal Hall anyway, and any future requests should be directed to the Admissions office or the Senior Tutor.

### **6.3. Lighting on the path in the Fellows' Garden**

Students and several Porters have again brought up the issue of the Fellows' Garden path, and ask if dim lights could be used to mark out the path so that people do not walk into trees.

Lights cannot be put in, because unless the entire area is fully lit, it will actually be more dangerous, as students are lit while potential attackers are not. The Police have recommended that students use the lit public route via Burrell's walk after dark as it is safer.

### **6.4. Allotment**

A student's application to the city council for an allotment will take 6 years to come through. They wondered if College had any appropriate plots which could be made available to students.

Action: The Junior Bursar will bring up the suggestion at the next Garden Committee.

## **7. AOB**

### **7.1. Charity registration of TCSU and BA society**

If TCSU and the BA society were to have an annual turnover of over £100,000 they would have to register as charities. As neither of them do, this is not currently an issue, although it may require further action later.

Victoria Spence, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011