Christ Church Association

Minutes of the Christ Church Association Committee Meeting and AGM

Saturday 17 September 2016

Christ Church Sports Pavilion

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<th>Present:</th>
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<td>Simon Offen (V-P) (SO)</td>
<td>Matt Hackett (MH)</td>
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<td>Frederick Lyons (FL)</td>
<td>Fiona Holdsworth (FH)</td>
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<td>Anna Port (AP)</td>
<td>Camilla West (CW)</td>
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<td>Robin Priest (Chairman) (RP)</td>
<td>Jane Dodd (JD)</td>
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<td>Jacob Ward (JW)</td>
<td>Joanna Hodnett (JH)</td>
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<td>Matthew Robinson (MR)</td>
<td>Haydn Rawstron (HR)</td>
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<td>Robert Lindemann (RL)</td>
<td>Nick Nops (NN)</td>
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1. **Introductions and Apologies**

2. **Minutes**
   Minutes from the last meeting were tabled and approved by the Chairman.

3. **Committee Elections**
   a) The following were re-elected for another three years:
   
   **Editor of Association News:** Matt Hackett (2006, English)
   Proposed: RP    Seconded: JW
   
   Jane Dodd (1987, Physics)
   Proposed: RP    Seconded: SO
   
   Haydn Rawstron (1968, Music)
   Proposed: RP    Seconded: SO
   
   Robert Lindemann (Social Sciences – PPE, 1969) confirmed he would be happy to continue on the Committee.  
   **Action:** SO to check terms for extending membership for RL.

4. **Treasurer’s Report**
   - No Treasurer’s Report was tabled for this meeting, but SO confirmed that the Association’s funds are static (£2000 given by College).

5. **Secretary’s Report**
   - No Secretary’s Report was tabled for this meeting.

6. **Steward’s Report**
   - No Steward’s Report was tabled for this meeting.

7. **Development and Alumni Office Report**
   - SO reported that the endowment has passed £450 million through investments.
   - MK continues to work on the law and modern languages tutorial funds.
   - MK is due to retire within the next twelve months.
   - The refurbishment of Peckwater Quad continues and SO noted the high-standard of the work undertaken so far.
   - Plans for a new Visitor Centre are on hold.
   - There have been a number of staff changes: David Humble-White left to take up the role of Senior Fund-Raiser at Pembroke College, JW has moved to St John’s as Development Manager, and Roger Allum has left to re-train for a new career in financial management.
   - Aileen Thomson has been appointed as Development Executive and Kari Hodson has become the new Database Manager.
   - Two part-time graduate Development Assistants are helping in the Office over the Summer (on a temporary basis).
   - RP expressed his disappointment at the news that JW had left the Development Office. Those present expressed their thanks for his work and are pleased that he is still involved with the Association Committee.
8. Events Calendar
- Forthcoming events were discussed, and the 2016/2017 calendar is attached.
- RP noted that the Association Sports Day (17 September) had proved to be a very successful event – particularly due its ‘inclusive’ nature (with children and other family members present, as well as alumni, and a wide range of ages represented). RP thanked SO and AP for their work in organising the event.

9. Year Rep Report
- JW reported that Year Reps are still needed for 1980 and 1992.

10. Christ Church Matters
- AP reported that the next CCM will include an article focusing on the current student ‘experience’ with contributions from the JCR and GCR Presidents.
- Other possible topics for articles were discussed. Members of the Committee are encouraged to send their ideas and suggestions to AP.

11. Social Media and IT Report
- AP reported that the new American Friends of Christ Church has just been launched www.americanfriendschch.org/.
- Work continues to try to improve Christ Church’s own website.
- Social media: there are 4018 Twitter followers (compared to 3073 compared to this time last year), 607 Facebook ‘Likes’ (compared to 403 this time last year), and 1016 LinkedIn members (compared to 1002 last year).
- Committee members are encouraged to contact the Development Office with any stories they think may be of interest for these social media accounts and for eMatters.

12. Careers Programme
- No Careers Report was tabled for this meeting.

13. Ovalhouse News
- RP reported that the Ovalhouse building project has been delayed.
- Current expected date for completion of the new building: Spring 2019.
- A series of events is planned to mark the new theatre, including ‘Curtain Up’ a gala dinner at the May Fair Hotel, on 29 September 2016.
- It is hoped that the 2017 Commemoration Ball at Christ Church (on 17 June 2017) will offer further fundraising opportunities.

14. AOB
- MR is keen to explore ways in which the Committee can engage with current members of the House to offer them support and to try to improve their College experience (particularly in terms of the provision accommodation and pastoral support).
- SO encouraged MR to send feedback from current students to him. SO would use this to prepare a report for consideration by the Development and Alumni Committee (a recommendation could then be made to Governing Body).
- RP suggested he would be happy to meet the JCR and GCR Presidents to discuss this over dinner at High Table.

Action: MR to contact SO with student feedback.
Action: SO to liaise with RP about a date for dinner at High Table with the JCR and GCR representatives.

The next meeting will be held in London early in 2017. It was suggested that a dinner might be arranged at the Oxford and Cambridge Club to coincide with the meeting.

Action: SO and AP to check availability of dates for this meeting with the Oxford and Cambridge Club.

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