

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 February 2023

The President, Dr David Treacher in the Chair

Present:, Dr Tony Roques, Dr David Horwell, Ms Catriona Head, Dr Jenny Dove, Dr Philip Ind, Dr Alison Twigley, Dr Robina Coker, Ms Marilyn Davey, Dr Moyna Barton, Dr Malcolm Stodell and Mr Robert Maurice-Williams

In attendance: Cdr Mike Flynn (Exec Sec)

Apologies:

Dr Helen Graham, Dr James Bingham, Dr Peter Bennett, Dr Christopher Treves Brown

ITEM ONE – INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

1. The President welcomed new Councillors to the meeting and noted the apologies.

ITEM TWO MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 October 2022 had been circulated with the meeting papers. The Minutes were approved, signed, and will be posted to the website.

ITEM THREE – MATTERS ARISING

3. There was on item arising from the last meeting as follows:
 - a. Para 3 – President-Elect (Desig) for 2023. The President informed Council that Dr Philip Ind had agreed to become President Elect (Desig) and President in 2025. The President thanked Dr Ind for agreeing to a second terming, noting that his first term had been through the Covid pandemic. The President urged Councillors to be ready to assist Dr Ind in the provision of speakers.

ITEM FOUR – FINANCE

4. The Exec Sec presented the status of the Society's investments. The balance with Barclays Wealth is £96,503 (31 Dec 22). The General Fund balance is £55,030. **Council were content with the investments.**
5. The Exec Sec then presented the Budget Statement for December 2022 and January 2023. He discussed the current operating funds, noting that both income and expenditure were within suitable limits. He reminded Council that the £1000 donation to St Andrews Church accounted for the difference between the forecast and the actual level of funds. **The Council were content with the statement and operating finances.**

ITEM FIVE –LUNCHTIME MEETINGS - FEEDBACK

6. Council were asked to debate the success, or otherwise, of the two meetings which had been held at lunchtimes in November and January. The President noted that this was an experiment to see whether lunchtime meetings in the winter were more popular than evening

meetings. The Exec Sec noted that attendance at these meetings had not been markedly different from evening meetings and that the only significant comment from members had been that lunchtime meetings meant that working members were unlikely to attend. Council discussed the pros and cons of having the winter meetings at lunchtime and **agreed, by majority, that the Society should revert to all evening meetings.**

ITEM SIX – HONORARY ARCHIVIST VACANCY

7. The Exec Sec informed Council that there was still a vacancy for the role of Hon. Archivist/Librarian. Following the significant work undertaken by Dr and Mrs O'Brien, there was little that need to be completed at the moment. Dr Jenny Dove and Ms Marilyn Davey volunteered to share the role. **Council thanked them for offering and accepted their appointment.**

ITEM SEVEN – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – ELIGIBILITY AND CHARGES

8. The President raised the issue of eligibility for Associate Members and sought assurance that the rules were appropriate. The Exec Sec took an action to clarify the eligibility. Once clarified the President was content that the rules were flexible enough. They stand as follows:

Associate membership shall be available for younger members from the final year of undergraduate study until they attain the age of 40 years. At this stage, their membership will mature to Ordinary membership. Associate members will pay half the full annual subscription and not initially be eligible to be Councillors or Officers of the Society.

9. The President then explored the cost of suppers for the Associate Members, but was content that there was an option of attending just the evening lectures which would incur no further cost to them.

ITEM EIGHT – ANNUAL DINNER

10. The President reminded Council that the Annual Dinner would be held in the Governors' Hall at St Thomas' Hospital on 7 Jun 23. He asked Councillors to save the date and to encourage attendance.

ITEM NINE – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. There were three items of Other Business:

a. The President-Elect outlined the intentions for speakers for the following year. The Council were very content with the contacts which the President-Elect had made and approached. The President-Elect offered Blackheath Golf Club as a possible location for his Annual Dinner but it was decided that the accessibility of that location might cause lower attendance. **Finally, it was agreed that the Dinner should be in the Athenaeum Club – but that perhaps a room other than the Garden Room could be booked. The President-Elect was asked to investigate.**

b. The Exec Sec informed Council that he had, once again, produced flyers advertising the Society and encouraged Councillors and Members to take and distribute them.

c. The Exec Sec informed Council that he was attempting to reinvigorate the Bursaries this year as they had fallen into abeyance during the pandemic when overseas electives were seriously curtailed. He would keep Council informed of the progress.

ITEM TEN –DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12. **The next meeting of Council will take place on 10 May 2023.**

Dr David Treacher MA FRCP
President