

## HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 May 2024

#### The President, Mr Robert Maurice-Williams in the Chair

Present Dr David Treacher, Dr Jenny Dove, Dr Philip Ind, Ms Marilyn Davey, Dr Christopher Treves Brown, Dr Malcolm Stodell, Ms Catriona Head, Professor Philip Steer, Professor Robina Coker and Dr Alison Twigley

In attendance: Cdr Mike Flynn (Exec Sec)

Apologies: Dr Tony Roques, Dr James Bingham, Dr David Mummery.

#### ITEM ONE – INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

1. The President introduced the meeting and noted the apologies.

#### ITEM TWO MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 February 2024 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 one item arising from the last meeting as follows:
  - a. Para 5. The Executive Secretary confirmed that the Subscriptions would increase to £75 per annum from 1 October 2024. The Associate Membership Subscriptions will increase to £37.50.

#### ITEM FOUR – FINANCE

4. The Exec Sec briefed on the investments and their performance to date. He noted that much of the required £12000 drawdown had been recovered by improvement in the markets. He also noted that he had requested the drawdown of £3000 into the Buckston Browne operating funds.
5. The Exec Sec presented the budget statement for the end of April 2024. He noted that the income and expenditure on functions had been higher than forecast and that the performance to date was broadly in line with the estimates, with only inflation increases showing. **Council were content with the investments and the operating funds.**
6. The Exec Sec presented and briefed his draft budget for 2024/25, explaining the realism and inflationary changes against the current year. **The Council were content with the draft budget for 2024/5.**

#### **ITEM FIVE –AWARD OF THE BUCKSTON BROWNE MEDAL AND PRIZE FOR 2024.**

7. There Exec Sec tabled the 2 nominations for the Buckston Browne Medal and Prize for 2024. After some discussion on the various merits of each, the Council unanimously decided that the Medal and Prize should go to Dr Jennifer Lewis. Council noted that the presentation would be made, if possible, at the annual dinner in June.

#### **ITEM SIX – PROGRAMME FOR 2025 – INITIAL THOUGHTS**

8. Dr Ind, the President-Elect, presented his initial thoughts for the programme for 2025. He had approached various speakers and was pleased with the current representation. These included a Professor of Haematology, and Oncologist and a Medical Communicator. There was some discussion of further candidates for lectures and the President-Elect aims to present his final list at the next meeting. **Council were content with the progress to date.**

#### **ITEM SEVEN – ANNUAL DINNER**

9. The Exec briefed Council on the arrangements for the Annual Dinner on 12 June 2024. He had made the arrangements but the per head cost was going to be £110. Council agreed that this was acceptable, given recent inflationary rises. The Exec Sec urged Council to attend and to encourage others to do so.

#### **ITEM EIGHT – FOLKESTONE HARVEY CEREMONY – 2 JUNE 2024**

10. The next Harveian event will be the annual visit to Folkestone for the Harvey ceremony. The Exec Sec encouraged Councillors to consider attending in order to host the Mayor and to add to the occasion.

#### **ITEM NINE – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11. There was one item of Other Business:

- a. The Exec Sec updated Council on the progress of recruiting a replacement for Mrs Betty Smallwood who retires on 14 May 2024.

#### **ITEM TEN –DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

12. **The next meeting of Council will take place on 9 October 2024.**

Signed on Original

Mr Robert Maurice-Williams  
President