

## **Minutes - AGM 23rd May 2009**

### **1. Connexion**

The RMO apologised for still not having produced a Connexion, unfortunately technical problems have restricted my his ability to do this. I make the promise again that one will be out by the close of the year.

### **2. Future of the College Club**

Since the future of the college has now been finalised it was decided that a discussion was needed to discuss how the College Club would fit within this new set-up and what it meant for the 16's. It is noted that the Returning Members were pleased that a decision had finally been made over the future of our beloved college, although the decision to merge with Trinty may not have been the number one choice for many of us the College at least now knew the path it is set to follow and had a basis from which to take itself forward. The Club will continue by its principles and support the College Club as we can and as we have - we see no change in this. The 16's Club, both College and Returners, would continue to recognise Lampeter University as a separate institution for the purposes of the Club. In this respect we therefore standby what has been said in along in that *'The Returning Members of The 16 Club exists to support both The 16 Club at Lampeter and to render what help and support that they can provide to The University. It is a society of mutual assistance and friendship, which dines together in the time-honoured customs of The 16 Club.'*

As for a sister club in Trinity it was felt that whilst we would not object to anything like this it would not be for the Returners to fund however verbal assistance could be offered if approached. It was thought that should a Club in Trinity be formed with the same principles as the College 16 then maybe links could be made but these links would be only links and there was not to be a 16 Club Lampeter and 16 Club Trinity that are one and the same bar location. An idea raised was that if a club in Trinity, with the same purpose, values and traditions, was formed then, once a year maybe, a joint dinner could be held to build a relationship between the two clubs (and allow our College 16 access to the ladies of Trinity) however the clubs would be separate. All members at the AGM agreed with this approached and raised the importance of keeping the 16 Club a Lampeter affair.

### **3. Funds**

The savings account stood at £26,052.47 in May 2009 and the 16 Club Returning Members account is £905.66 as at April 1st 2009. It was agreed that the club funds were in a healthy state and thanks given to John Skinner and Rob Rosset for looking after these matters, the financial world has not helped us make a huge profit but it is worth noting that we have more in the savings account than when we started and we have used some of the money for new ties (still available from your RMO) and college matters. This year there was no big discussion on how funds could be spent although it was again agreed that a big 40th celebration would be needed and hopefully Old Hall would be the venue. From records this would be dinner in 2011 and I would love for it to be on the 11th June, however we will have to wait for College dates before we can finalise this. I imagine it will have to be a couple of weeks prior.

### **4. Executive of the Returners**

The Executive of the Returners were nominated and received full backing of all members present at the AGM.

RMO - Andrew Holdsworth

Keeper of the Purse - John Skinner

Lord Registrar - Rob Rosset

Keeper of the Electronic Abacus - Stuart Tilley

### **5. College Matters**

The College Club have had another successful year under the guidance of Francis Osborne and his very useful and helpful executive. A College Bank Account has been set up which eases the arrangements for dinner and finances of the Club. Looking forward it was agreed that the current members make an excellent group of fine gentlemen and the new and potential members, we are confident, will carry on the fine traditions of the Club. The College Club look forward to another fine year under the leadership of Dave Brits, a fine fellow who will lead the Club with the full backing of the 16 Returners. There is a desire from the College Club to broaden their dinning locations (which unfortunately are less than during any of our days).

It was agreed that the College Club would receive the following allowance for dinners this year to help with

the burden that buying Port and Cigars brings along with a little extra in the final term to help with the costs of Returners. These payments will be £80, £80, £100. This is an increase on last year and, although not substantial, should cover the costs that the club incur. It was noted that it is harder to have a meal in these modern times for £16 a head along with the small additional cost of wine. The money is to be used as the College 16 see fit although receipts are wholly welcomed!

#### 6. A.O.B

It was noted that attendance of the 16 Club at Founders Day and St David's Day Dinners was good to see as an addition to the normal dinners.

Thanks to Mr Gilson who, whilst on his travels in the East, brought back some lovely cufflinks. Unfortunately this offer was available on Facebook (due to the lack of technical ability in the East and time spent wooing locals) and done in a short amount of time hence unfortunately not available to many of us.

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