

**HILLS ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE  
Corporation**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11 February 2015**

**Present:**

**Corporation Members** Peter Southwick (Chair), Peter Brindle, Edmund Brookes, Vivien Brownlee, Jonathan Culpin, Alice French, Edna Murphy, David Secher agenda 8-11 only, Linda Sinclair (Principal), Julie Taylor, Frankie Williams.

**Clerk to the Corporation** Robert Smith.

**Observers** Jill Aberdour (Assistant Principal: Resources), Dave Jones (Assistant Principal: Planning and Quality), Jo Trump (Deputy Principal) and Ellie Raine (Student Observer).

The Corporation extended its sympathy to the family and friends of Edward Mallen following his tragic accident.

**1 Apologies for Absence and Quoracy**

The Clerk to the Corporation reported that apologies for absence had been received from the following members of the Corporation: Hazel Borrett, Ian Harvey, Johnnie Sam.

The meeting was quorate.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made in relation to the business to be transacted.

**3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 15 December 2014**

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the business transacted, and *prima facie* evidence of the proceedings to which they relate.

**4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

It was reported in relation to Minute 5 that DfE Performance Tables had been published which once again showed the College in top place for points per entry and with improved value added data.

**5 Draft Minutes of Committees**

The following draft minutes were received for information:

Search and Governance Committee 28 January 2015

## **6 Curriculum Changes (Paper C 14/21)**

A paper prepared by the Deputy Principal was received and considered.

Government proposals were noted as follows:

- new A levels will be linear, meaning that assessment of a student's knowledge and understanding of the whole course takes place at the end of two years. The first courses reflecting this pattern start in September 2015;
- AS levels are also being redeveloped as standalone qualifications (to be assessed from June 2016), will not contribute towards an A Level grade, and will be co-taught with the first year of A levels;
- new A levels will be introduced by subject batch from 2015 to 2017, and students may therefore be studying a mix of courses in the existing and new formats during that period;
- GCSEs are also being reformed with a view to providing by rigorous assessment a more reliable measure of student achievement, but providing a challenge for the College in that for certain subjects increased rigour between the two levels has not been synchronized;
- the incidence of a general election places the above proposals in doubt.

In relation to the last point, it was noted that a change of public policy might necessitate halting all preparations for change at short notice. Although this would be difficult, the College would be able to make the adjustment.

## **7 This agenda was reserved business**

## **8 Bye Laws of the Corporation (Paper C 14/23)**

The draft Bye Laws of the Corporation which had been considered by the Search and Governance Committee and recommended to the Corporation were approved and adopted.

## **9 Appointment of the Independent Chair of the Audit Committee**

Members approved the following resolution:

*THAT*, Laragh Jeanroy be appointed in an independent capacity as Chair of the Audit Committee with effect from the passing of this resolution.

## **10 Any Other Competent Business**

The student member Alice French was thanked for her period of service on the Corporation, and warm wishes were extended to her for her future career. It was also noted that Ellie Raine who had acted as a student observer was attending her last meeting and she was thanked for her contributions.

## **11 Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 25 March 2015 at 6.30pm