

**RECORD OF DECISIONS  
OF  
THE OLD WELLINGTONIAN SOCIETY MANAGEMENT BOARD  
ON  
9 DECEMBER 2014**

<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Nigel Howard-Jones(NHJ) – Chair John Goodeve-Docker – Vice Chair Toby Allen (TA) (by telephone) Anthony Esse (AE) Ben Gateley (BG) Patrick Mileham (PM) Victoria Naylor-Leyland (VNL) Mike Power (MP) Douggie Rowe (DR) Giles Orpen-Smellie (GOS) - Secretary</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b></p> <p>David Creswell(DC) – President Charles Baker – Vice president Callum Stewart – Vice President Iain Henderson (IH) - College Chris Potter (CP) - Careers</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Justin Yeldham (JY) – Hon Treasurer Debbie Alun-Jones (DAJ) Kate Atkins (KA) Ella Yarnton (EY)</p>
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The meeting opened at 7.15 pm.

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introductions:</b> The Chair introduced what, in effect, was a joint and extraordinary meeting of the OWS SC and OWS MB to decide the future status of the OWS.</li> <li>• <b>Apologies:</b> four, noted above.</li> <li>• <b>Minutes of the Last Meeting.</b> Matters arising would be addressed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>The Future of the OWS:</b> To continue the discussion started at the OWS MB meeting of 4 Nov 14 about the proposed</p>	

	<p>merger of the OWS into College versus preserving independence as a CIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Practice in Other Schools.</b> The secretary reviewed practice in other schools drawing on his minute of 5 Dec 15, circulated before the meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion.</b> A lengthy discussion occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key issue is the two-tier society, rather than income.</li> <li>- Continued independence would probably involve a two-tier society and could be at the expense of solvency.</li> <li>- Political situation (questions over charitable status of private schools) suggests that College should not approach Charity Commission re collection of OWS subs within fees.</li> <li>- College happy for OWS to merge into College – endorsed in principle by Governors at their meeting of 6 Dec 14.</li> <li>- OWS MB generally pro merging (there was one declaration of opposition early in the meeting), particular support from younger board members, but: need a clear MOU; need OW engagement in future governance of alumni function; and need safeguards to protect OWS interests, notably funding.</li> <li>- Concerns: what would be the extent of College’s interest in pupils post College? Would College support the careers piece? Would College sustain proper funding?</li> <li>- Much of the detail would be subject to negotiation of an implementation plan, which would also include how the OWS would dovetail into the College Foundation (the Chair outlined College proposals for changes in the current structure).</li> <li>- Time: no obligation to merge in 2015 but the Governors’ E&amp;F Committee would need to agree a budget line at their meeting on 25 Feb 15, and Governors would need to endorse this at their meeting on 21 Mar 15. Merger could slip to 2016 but 2015 preferred.</li> <li>- WCA is also considering a merger with College.</li> <li>- OW charities would remain separate under the OWCT trustees led by CB.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Vote.</b> Two votes occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OWS MB: unanimous in favour of merging (included three proxy votes from DAJ, KA &amp; JY).</li> <li>- OWS SC: unanimous support of the OWS MB decision.</li> <li>- Caveat: both votes were subject to agreement of an implementation plan, including safeguards, to be prepared by the Secretary in negotiation with College.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>GO-S</p> <p>CB</p> <p>GO-S</p>
3	<p><b>AOB.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PW200.</b> PM had not been able to attend the OWS MB on 4 Nov 14 so gave an update:</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gazette information is not being collected under College auspices; cataloguing and digitisation going slowly.</li> <li>- Historic tour needs more funding. This is a College Heritage Committee matter thus was not pursued.</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Sports Dinner.</b> JG-D asked for help with subsidies for young OWs to attend. Agreed in principle. JG-D to identify figure.</p>	JG-D
4	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joint OWS MB &amp; SC:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thu 22 Jan 15 at College in the Driver Committee Room.</li> <li>- Stephen Crouch to be invited to attend.</li> <li>- Supper will be served.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>AGM.</b> Sat 14 Jun 15 commencing at 10.30 am in the Driver Committee Room.</li> <li>• <b>EGM.</b> An EGM may be required before 14 Jun 15 to obtain the membership's approval for the merger with College.</li> </ul>	<p>GOS</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.