



The Chair reported that she had been introduced to an architectural historian and consultant on the conservation management of historic buildings who had expressed interest in the Library project and that an informal meeting had been arranged to show the library to him. She explained that she had made clear that funding for any consultancy would be very difficult to secure, although she hoped that he might be able to provide some useful source material in regard to redecoration. Members were invited to join her and Mr Musson in the SCR on 3 February at 6.00 pm.

c. Finances for Heating.

The question was discussed of whether or not a bid should be put in at the upcoming Estates Committee to finance the proposed heating mats for the Library. It was agreed after some discussion that, given that use of the Library will not be possible for at least two years and that issues of the warranty on any such product need to be taken into consideration, that we would postpone the request.

It was also suggested that a request might be made that a portion of the Roger Schofield bequest be directed towards funding for the Library project, especially as Roger had had a substantial involvement in the Library and its holdings. Donald Hearn agreed to pursue this with the Development Director.

7. AOB

The Chair informed the Committee that a proposal had been made to form a new College committee with the purpose of integrating the activities of several committees whose current remit involves the care and maintenance of various aspects of the College's historic buildings, grounds and possessions. Representatives from several current committees - Conservation, Art, Gardens and Library – would meet on a biannual basis to ensure better lines of communication and effectiveness, especially in regard to projects that might involve two or more of these bodies. The Committee warmly approved such a proposal.

Donald Hearn also called attention to the current state of the flagstones in Old Court and whether or not certain concrete slabs now in place would eventually be replaced. It was explained that these had been installed for ease of access to below ground meters; however, the possibility of using flagstones instead will be investigated.

8. Date of Easter Term, 2020 Meeting: Tuesday, 5 May 2020.