

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 6 June 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, John Hill, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Bob Anderson, Deborah Connolly, Gill Dixon, Graham Bough, Colin McKone, Rosemary Morton and Andrew Barchi

Apologies: David Lewis, Charles Evans, Brian Wheeler and John Hill

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £4,203 (less pledges of £1000)
3. **Canterbury Home Start (CHS).** AB updated the meeting on recent activities at CHS and stated that both he and DB had been invited onto the CHS Committee – this would facilitate the monitoring activity required by District in relation to the matching grant.
4. **Rotary Community Service Award** A date for the presentation to Hannah Simmons is still to be decided.
5. **Catching Lives (CL)** The Chairman outlined the contents of a letter he had received from the CL Trustees, which gave details of the division of the property into that which was owned by CL and that which was leased, the latter part requiring the permission of the owner before any work could be carried out. The letter identified the most urgent work to be done as the refurbishment/replacement of two windows near the kitchen for which an estimate had priced the work at c£500. The Trustees were in the process of obtaining a further estimate and the Committee agreed to fund the work once the second estimate had been received, subject to a maximum of £500.
6. **East Kent Independent Dementia Support (EKIDS).** SD reported that he had tried to contact EKIDS using the contact details supplied by them on the Charity Commission web page and that he had received no reply. He had also drawn the Kent and Canterbury Club's attention to the EKIDS relatively healthy financial position and suggested they should contact EKIDS direct for settlement of any outstanding accounts.
7. **Wheelchair Rugby.** The Committee received a letter from an applicant giving further details of the costs associated with his sport. Since the Committee had already pledged £500 towards his costs no further action was required at this stage other than to reaffirm its support in general for this worthwhile sport.
8. **Website Request.** As noted at the last meeting, a request had been received from Becky Turner-Knowles for sponsorship to help raise £200 for a Pageant Campaign in aid of the charity Bullies Out. It had been agreed to pledge £50 subject to the receipt of further information, which the Chairman has requested but not yet received.

9. Sing for Your Lives (SFYL) RA reported that he had received a request from a Barham Nursing Home for help in providing SFYL equipment for its residents. This equipment can encourage residents to participate in group singing, which is generally considered to be beneficial to health, especially for the elderly suffering from various physical and mental disabilities. The application had been accompanied by details of various options, one of which was to hire the equipment for one year at a cost of £600. After some discussion the Committee agreed to pledge £300 towards the cost of this option, subject to the remaining £300 being met by the nursing home. RA agreed to progress the matter.

10. St Nicholas School – Kids Out. GD reported that she, DC and CE would be taking the children to Wingham Wild Life Park on 7 June.

11. Canterbury MS Society. The Chairman reported that the Society has invited any member of Committee to visit their premises and it was agreed that members should make their own arrangements for visits.

12. End of Year Party. SD offered to host the party this year and to circulate the appropriate details. The likely dates were either 3rd or 10th July.

13. Members Leaving the Committee. The Chairman thanked both Gill Dixon and Colin McKone for their contribution and hard work over many years.

14. Date of Next Meeting. 4 July 2017 at 11.30.