

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held 11th April 2017 at the Cricket Ground

Present. Alan Mepstead, Nan Miller, Tim Brett, Brian Dobinson, John Beckett, Mike Talbot

Apologies Les Stephenson, Ian Wright

Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th Feb were approved. All matters arising are on the agenda

- 1. Innovation competition 2017.** BD reports – There are 60 entries from 5 schools with over 100 children involved. New entries are Abbey school at Faversham and Roger Manwood at Sandwich. Each entrant will be written to individually. Judges are in place.
- 2. Schools reading assistance project.** NM has her CRB check, but has experienced difficulty contacting Pilgrims Way School. She will continue to follow this up and also e-mail Julie Rezza to see what contact she has.
- 3. Youth Unemployment project.** Following our last meeting Erik Foster from Sidcup Rotary had fortuitously been in touch via Peter Hodge and AM has responded to Erik. This scheme involves mentoring the Young unemployed via the local Job Centres who have all been instructed to co-operate. Erik has sent through a guide and offered to come and speak to the club explaining and expounding what needs to be done. We probably need at least eight Rotarians to be involved (expressions of interest from five so far). Agreed AM talk to the President and the Speakers Secretary to see if we can get a date for Erik Foster to come and talk to the club one lunch time.

4. Events

- **Bird watching** led by Alan Forest and John Hill 27th April at Conyer with lunch at the Ship Inn afterwards
- **Monasticism.** BD Reports:- 8th June and a full coach for this trip
- **Dover Museum** IW has investigated this. Free admission and an hour and a half guided tour, followed by lunch at the Marine Hotel. Main attraction is the famed Bronze Age Boat. Agreed to ask Ian if he will arrange this for a Thursday in September.
- **Kent Air Ambulance** This is the President Elect's chosen charity for next year and a visit August/September, Details to follow if possible.
- **Day trips to France** MT will follow up.
- **Thanet earth.** Unfortunately this is a controlled environment and Group Visits are not available.
- **Walks** Suggested that we ask Les Stephenson if he is able to organise one of his excellent walks.
- **Graham Clark** is a local artist and NM is following up a visit to see how an artist's studio works. Agreed to see if this could be a suitable day in July or August.

5. Budget.

The President has requested all committee chairs to produce an estimate of expenditure for 2017/2018. A total of £1410 was agreed made up of :-

- £400 Innovation competition,
- £210 Writing competition.
- £150 reading assistance project
- £50 Guidhall speaking competition
- £100 Youth unemployment project
- £500 Big Sing (probably as an underwrite rather than a donation).

6. Date of next meeting. 13th June at 6.15pm (note NO MAY MEETING)