

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT K&C CLUB ON 24 MAY 2011

1. Attendance: RY (president) , RB-H, HC, RD, AF, RK-C, PLF. PP Tim Brett and Rotn Martin Ward present for Item 4 a) Apologies from RB, JH and TP.

2. Minutes of meeting of 26 April 2011: These minutes were approved.

3. Matter arising (March meeting, item 7 d):

- In answer to a question from RY , HC said that following the report of the special committee, he hoped to be in a position to obtain approval for a second vice-president nomination 2011-2012 in time for printing in the new Directory.

4. President's business:

- Website development (report by MW and bearing in mind revision of financial arrangements for dining, on the occasion of new Dining Secretary appointment):

MW emphasized that all decisions concerning the establishment of the website had been taken by Council after thorough discussions. It had been expected from the beginning that the Club would enter upon a second phase of the website - a Content Management System, covering the administrative aspects of the Club's activities. The time had come for this development: (i) the running of Top Choir was heavily dependent on the website and would be more so with a move to planning up to two years ahead; (ii) it would greatly facilitate the running and finances of the dining arrangements; (iii) it could be used for other events. Financial arrangements would have to be worked out carefully, and willing participation of Club Members would be needed.

In a discussion all Members were in principle in favour of moving towards a new system. Paying for the further development could be achieved through provision of £100 bonds repayable after five years (Several Members would be ready to take one of these, with two ready to waive repayment; also a loan of a higher amount was offered). Moreover, an amount proportionate to use of the website could be charged to the Top Choir account, with an upper limit. Special arrangements would be needed for those without access to a computer. HC as incoming President was sure that he would quickly find other uses for the new development and TP (not present) had noted that much of International Committee work was now done through the website.

It was agreed to ask MW to speak to Cornish Management with a view to obtaining a timetable for setting up the second phase (when, how and costings); to set up a small group to prepare the case for submission to the Club, consisting of MW (Chairman), HC, AS, PH, TB, RY and RH; to ask Cornish Management for some simple and attractive visuals; and to thank MW for his valuable efforts so far.

- Presidential Citation: RY announced that after much form-filling, the Club was one of only three in the District which had received from the President of RIBI a citation with distinction.

- Pentangular in Ludenscheid: Very successful, excellent President's charity. The event cost to Rotarians in the last ten years has been €150; those coming to Canterbury will pay €160 . Candidates needed for Mini Group Exchange (Leuven, week of 19 September). Presidents meeting in Leuven 19 November; new Pentangular project meeting probably also in November.

5. Financial Report: postponed , in the absence of the Treasurer.

6. Committee Reports:

a) Club Service: Report noted.

- Summer lunchtime Barbecue at incoming President's house on 17 July. Proceeds to District Governor's Charity, sailing barge Cambria, to be used to give week-end respite for young carers. This will involve schools and also interest us – a representative could be asked to speak to the Club.

– Dress Code: agreed to recommend the Club to approve the following:

(i) jacket and tie would be appropriate for evening meetings;

(ii) smart casual for other meetings, but no polo shirts, jeans, shorts or trainers should be worn.

b) Community Service: Report noted.

- Mustard Seed Choir: Link with the Top Choir event should be stressed when seeking publicity in connection with its performance at Rotary Guest Night.

c) International Service: Report noted.

d) Fund-raising; e) Public Relations; f) Vocational Service; g) Foundation: No reports –RKC qwas requested to liaise with AS about the scheme of Sainsbury's allowing a percentage of a group's spending by individuals in the group to be devoted to a Rotary charity.

7. Secretary's Report:

a) Views of RC Sevenoaks re District 1120 finances: noted, to be followed up at District meeting

b) Leave of absence: PP D. Barton 14-24 May 2011 and PP J. Hill 19-26 May and 4-18 June, both granted.

8. Any other business:

- New members: It was noted that at District Council the Chairman of Membership Committee had given some good ideas about membership, and Council endorsed the idea of taking positive action in this regard. HC stated that he had already discussed possibilities with the Chairman of the Club Membership Committee and developments could be expected.

9. Next meeting: 28 June 2011 (6 pm) at the Willows. Short meeting, with supper with partners.