

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT K&C CLUB ON 29 MARCH 2011

1. Attendance: RY (President), RBH, RB, HC, RD, PLF, AF, JH, RKC, TP, AS, John Harris (for Item 4(b))

2. Minutes of the meeting of 23 February 2011: These minutes were agreed.

3. Matters arising: none

4. President's business:

a) Travel arrangements for Ludenscheid Pentangular: AS reported that all was in order; a small deficit on the coach cost could be expected.

b) Top Choir Final on 16 April: John Harris reported that an excellent result could be expected. A retiring collection would be made for the Pilgrims Hospice.

c) Representativeness of the Council and future Committee reporting: On the basis of a note by PLF, a proposal by RY, HC and RBH and an amending note from HC, Council discussed how to get the best possible advice before taking decisions on behalf of the Club. More specifically, it examined how to ensure:

- full access by Committee Chairmen to Council, and at the same time close contact with trends of thought at grassroots level;
- better coordination of projects affecting more than one Committee, without disturbing current reporting channels;
- allocating an appropriate amount of time to itself for examining innovative policies and projects.

In regard to future nominations for ordinary Council Members, Council agreed to bear in mind the following:

- representation of three Committees (Community Service, International Service and Foundation) on Council, with representatives of others being invited to Council meetings as appropriate;
- three Ordinary Council Members from amongst the membership;
- Club Service Committee should maintain its current make-up, with the addition of the Chairmen of Interact, Fundraising and Public Relations and Publicity.

Council further recommended that a review of these matters should be made by the first Council meeting of the new Rotary year, with emphasis being placed on an examination of the number and scope of Council Committees.

d) Presidential Citation nomination forms: these have been completed and sent.

5. Financial Report: monthly update noted (Charity Account £10,996; Club Account £7,219; Events Account £4881; Millennium Fund current Account £1242). AS reported that £11,000 was going through the system and would be available for spending.

- It was agreed to allocate £1,500 to Community Service Committee.
- Website costs: there were two phases: communication system and management tool. The first part had been covered and ways were being sought for funding the management tool aspect without this having to come from increased members' subscriptions.

- It was agreed to increase to £600 (half the total cost) the grant to Rotn Gill Dixon in connection with her visit to Ghana.

6. Committee reports:

a) Club Service: Report noted.

- St Quentin Rotary visit will at their request be delayed by one week, to 7-9 October 2011.
- Guest Night on 31 May will be at Howfield Manor.
- HC will check on problem of occasional failure of Stewards to report for their allocated time.

b) Community Service: Report, including results of Prostate Awareness Campaign, preparations for Blood Pressure Day and attendance at Mustard Seed Choir concert, noted.

- The usefulness of husband and wife teams at collections was reiterated.

c) International Service: Report noted.

- TP stated that the results of the collection for Japan, £2,366, would enable five Shelterboxes to be purchased. Council thanked Tony Pomeroy for his work in organising the collection.
- The need for material showing clearly the purpose of Shelterboxes to passers-by at collections was stressed.
- In regard to collecting boxes, Fundraising Committee should check on whether there is a need to replenish the stock and if necessary make a request. TB stated that he held only 15 of the 40 tabards available; they should be sent back to him after use.

d) Vocational Service: an oral report on visits to the Air Ambulance and to Canterbury Prison was noted.

7. Secretary's Report:

a) Leave of absence: granted to Rotn Colin McKone for the period 9 March to 19 April 2011.

b) Council of Legislation in 2013: AS raised the question of an emeritus award for Rotarians with long service.

c) Request for Club to join the Friends of a Museum at Dover Castle: agreed that the Club could circulate Members on this subject but that the Club address List could not be disclosed. It was further agreed that the words "Only for private circulation" should be added to the Directory.

d) Arrangements for the AGM:

- Honorary Members: agreed to prolong Hon. Membership of Dr Michael Wright by one year. Confirmation of list at next Council meeting.
- Search for 2nd Vice-President 2010-2011: it was agreed to set up a committee for this purpose, consisting of the Chairman of the Membership Committee, the other Past Presidents on that Committee and a small number of other PPs to be chosen by RC. This should agree its nominee with the current 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, and make a report to the April Council.

8) Any other business: None

9) Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 April 2011 at the K&C Club

