

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of Community Service Committee 13th October 2009

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present:

PP D Naumann
Rtn G Dussart
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn M Lyle

Apologies:

PP J Hill (Chairman)
PP S Roe
PP I Wright (apologies given until March 2010)
Rtn E Abbott
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn D Crabtree
Rtn H Cragg
Rtn G Dixon

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 Noted that the heading of the Minutes should refer to the Committee date as 8th September 2009.
- 2.2 Item 8
The Minutes should read "*JH had received a letter of acknowledgment of the decision not to support the Project*"
- 2.3 The Minutes as amended were approved.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Funds Available

The Committee noted that the sum of £5,971 is presently available to the Committee. The Committee anticipates further funds being made available as a result of the President's horse racing event in August.

5. University Band

The Committee noted a request from Christ Church University soliciting support for the University Band's tour of Catalunya, Spain commencing on 27th March 2010. The tour cost is estimated at £12,000 with the students making a contribution of £6,000. The University support for the tour is limited to paying a deposit.

After discussion, the Committee decided that it was not appropriate to sponsor the tour noting

- (a) That the University Band had the ability to raise funds by its own performances
- (b) That there was no information as to the students' financial circumstances requiring charitable sponsorship
- (c) Benefit to the local community was not readily identifiable.

DN or **JH** to respond to the request accordingly.

6. Greenhills Gym Club Visit

Members of the Committee will visit the Greenhills Gym Club on Saturday 14th November 2009. Members attending will be JH, GD and ML. Other members are welcome to attend as well. The Committee Members will attend at 10.30am. GD will provide transport for ML.

7. Porchlight

The Committee noted the Kentish Gazette report of the Committee's donation to Porchlight.

DN will pursue the issue with Porchlight with a view to ascertaining what Porchlight are doing to use the donation and ensuing publicity to stimulate other charities to donate to Porchlight. The Committee noted that Porchlight's original proposal was to have a computer on each of its sites (16 in all) to help young people with preparation of CVs and job searches.

8. Prince of Wales Youth Club

The Committee noted that the Prince of Wales Youth Club is presently in negotiation with the Canterbury City Council over plans for a new table tennis room to be built. The room is unlikely to be completed until the New Year.

The item will be kept on the Committee Agenda.

9. Kent Air Ambulance Aborted Collection

Although volunteers from the Club had been arranged to man a collection on behalf of Kent Air Ambulance at Sainsbury's on 25th September 2009, the Chairman was notified at midday on 24th September 2009 that Sainsbury's had double-booked collections and that accordingly the Club would not be permitted to collect funds on behalf of Kent Air Ambulance as the slot had been allocated to Demelza House.

The Kent Air Ambulance regional organiser was not aware of the cancellation until notified by DN when she collected the boxes from him on the Monday.

The cancellation of the volunteer Rota was a great inconvenience to all concerned.

The Committee noted the lesson to be learned on all supermarket collections is to check and confirm in writing 2 to 4 weeks prior to the event that the arrangements are in place and will be honoured.

DN to contact Kent Air Ambulance to see whether KAA wish to take up an offer by Sainsbury's to double the 'take' on an alternative collection day (possibly in Spring 2010).

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Women's Refuge Christmas Party.

The Committee resolved to provide £400 to the Women's Refuge for its annual Christmas Party for the benefit of children "*on the books*" of the Refuge both currently and previously. The Committee noted that the donation was very much appreciated and the Christmas Parties were of benefit to, and enjoyed by, the children. **PLF** will notify Hellie Langley for the Women's Refuge and obtain a cheque from the Treasurer for the donation.

10.2 The Committee noted that the Club Directory for the 8th December 2009 did not refer to the CSC Committee Meeting. It was agreed to keep the Committee Meeting fixed for 8th December 2009 in any event with the Chairman advising Committee Members in advance if there was no business for that meeting.

10.3 RYLA

Interact is not currently in a position to put forward a candidate for the next RYLA course. The Committee will consider widening the net for candidates for the next course including other schools, Prince of Wales Youth Club, Greenhills Gym Club, etc. The next course will be in April 2010. Applications have to be in, in February 2010. Schools, etc, should be contacted at the beginning of that term.

10.4 Rotary Widows

The Committee noted the need for Club manpower to be available to distribute token gifts to Rotary widows at Christmas. **DN** will contact Robert Yonge as the issue would more appropriately be addressed by the Club Service Committee rather than the Community Service Committee.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2009 at 6.00pm at Abbots Barton Hotel.