

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the Community Service Committee**

### **13 December 2016**

**Attendance:** PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, John Hill, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Marjorie Lyle, David Lewis, Deborah Connolly, Gill Dixon, Andrew Barchi, Bob Anderson, Charles Evans, Brian Wheeler, Colin McKone

**Apologies:** Rotarian Jo Nolan

1..      **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2016 agreed.

2.      **Charitable Funds Available:** £4,005

3.      **Community Service Award.** Arrangements have been made for Hannah Simmons of Barton Court Grammar School to be presented with the club's Community Service Certificate at the school assembly on 9 February 2017. After some discussion it was agreed to try to change the date to one when ML, a former teacher at the school, would be available to attend the presentation.

**ACTION: Chairman to arrange.**

4.      **Canterbury Relate.** The Chairman reminded the Committee of the donation (£450) made to fund the training of 6 people to lead group support sessions. This training had taken place and those involved were now using their skills in group support.

5.      **Christmas Together in Canterbury - Welcome Packs for Redbridge Families.** DL reported that a huge effort in providing goods for welcome packs was being made by churches and other organisations in the area and that this was being co-ordinated by the Salvation Army. He had so far spent £300 of the £500 allocated for this project by the Committee.

**ACTION: David Lewis to arrange.**

6.      **Canterbury Women's Refuge.** ML reported that she had received an acknowledgement of our pledge of £500 to be used in support of 'Activity Days' for children and in thanking us, they promised that the money would be so used. The Chairman undertook to forward the cheque with a request for a follow up report in due course.

**Action: Chairman has sent the cheque.**

7.      **Website Request for Help in Purchasing a Mobility Scooter.** DC reported that having advised the lady to approach her GP for a suitability assessment, she had been unable to obtain any follow up information from the lady in question.

**ACTION: Deborah Connolly to keep under review.**

8.      **RYLA.** JH reported that there were two possible candidates from the Stelling Minnis Scout Group and that he would be progressing their applications in due course.

**ACTION: John Hill.**

9. **Triangle Awards 2016.** The Chairman and GD attended the awards ceremony at the Ashford International Hotel on 20 November 2016. It was agreed that we should continue to support this in 2017 with a contribution of £250.

***ACTION: Chairman.***

10. **Canterbury Foodbank** RA updated the meeting on the situation and reported that he had £91.72 remaining from the agreed budget of £500, which would be spent in due course on “Christmas Nibbles” as requested by the organisation. Members of the club had responded to his request for Christmas items either by providing monetary donations or appropriate food items.

***ACTION: Bob Anderson.***

11. **CSC Budget** The Chairman reported that our budget statement had been accepted by Club Council.

***ACTION COMPLETE***

12. **Rosemary Morton’s Fund Raising BBQ.** The Committee agreed that the generous donation received from RM should be recorded as having been spent as follows: £500 for the Canterbury Foodbank and £500 for Hypohounds to train the assistance dog for a Canterbury resident.

***ACTION COMPLETE.***

13. **Canterbury Home Start.** A detailed breakdown of project costs had been received from the Manager, Sari Sirkia-Weaver, and after a full discussion about possibility of involving the other Canterbury Clubs and obtaining a District Grant, it was agreed that DB should write pledging our minimum support of £500 and advising that we hoped to be able to obtain more funds from other sources in the new year. AB agreed that he and JN would take the matter forward in regard to the District Grant and the involvement of the other clubs.

*Afternote: SD subsequently confirmed that Canterbury and Coastal Homestart was registered as a separate charity with its own accounts submitted annually to the Charity Commission.*

***ACTION: Andrew Barchi & Jo Nolan. The Chairman has written pledging £500 with possibility of District Grant.***

14. **Any Other Business.**

14.1 Fifth Trust. A club talk was being arranged by Alan Forrest.

14.2 St John Ambulance. A donation of £50 was agreed in recognition of their support in providing the life saving demonstration.

***ACTION: The Chairman has sent the cheque.***

15. **Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday 10 January 2017