

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Community Service Committee
14 March 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, John Hill, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Marjorie Lyle, Deborah Connolly, Gill Dixon, Bob Anderson, Colin McKone, Brian Wheeler & Rosemarie Morton

Apologies: Jo Nolan, Andrew Barchi, David Lewis & Charles Evans

- 1.. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2017 were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £2657.50
3. **Kent Association for the Blind (KAB).** A letter of thanks for our recent donation had been received. ML confirmed that although she was leaving the Committee, she would be happy to continue as our link with KAB as and when required.
4. **Parkinsons UK – Canterbury Branch.** A letter of thanks had been received in respect of our donation to their aquatic therapy programme.
5. **Kids Out** GD confirmed that the winter outing on 22 February had taken place – she, SD & CE had attended. The school is currently reviewing the suitability of Wingham Wildlife Park for the present batch of pupils and a decision will be made shortly.
6. **RYLA** JH confirmed that he, DC and DB had interviewed two candidates and found them both very suitable. They will attend the course in October and the Committee agreed to fund their attendance, the likely cost being in the region of £500 for the two.
7. **Canterbury Home Start (CHS).** The matching grant application had been submitted to District and their decision was awaited. Both Canterbury Sunrise and Forrest of Blean Clubs had been invited to join with us in the venture but both had declined. Assuming approval of our matching grant application, the total of £1000 will be made available in the Autumn.
8. **Catching Lives (CL)**
 - 8.1 The £200 grant made by the Committee at its last meeting had been given to CL.
 - 8.2 RM reported that she had visited CL with a window repair builder and they had prepared a list of necessary work, which the builder was in the process of costing. Some of the work needed was in the area currently rented by CL and there was some doubt as to whose responsibility it was to carry out such repairs. The Chairman agreed to contact CL to ascertain whether or not they had a full repairing lease.

9. Rotary Community Service Award The presentation to Hannah Simmons has been deferred to a later date.

10. Annual Blood Pressure Day GD reported that FOB had planned to hold an event in April but were currently having problems finding a suitable venue. Boots had declined to help this year. The assistance offered to FOB for our members to help on the day would not be required.

11. Canterbury Mental Health & Canterbury Domestic Abuse Services. An invitation to attend their open day on 22 March had been received, which the Chairman planned to attend. Other members of the Committee should feel free to attend the event.

12. Tools for Self Reliance (TSR). RA reported that he and DL had delivered many surplus gardening tools to the “Redbridge” residents and that the current main requirement by TSR was DIY items. Although TSR enjoyed a rent free arrangement at the Hospice, which the current Chief Executive had indicated would continue, they still had a need for administrative funds, including shipping costs. People who have now been relocated from Redbridge now have a need for DIY tools. Tools for Self Reliance have some tools which they are happy to supply, and RA sought £30 which would go to TFSR as a thank you and this was agreed.

13. Fund Raising Committee. A target Community Services Committee budget for the next financial year would need to be prepared in the near future.

14. Date of Next Meeting. 4 April at 11.30.