

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 2 May 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, John Hill, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Deborah Connolly, Gill Dixon, Graham Bough, Charles Evans, Rosemarie Morton and David Lewis

Apologies: Bob Anderson, Andrew Barchi

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £4,113
3. **Canterbury Home Start (CHS).** The matching grant application had been approved by District and a cheque for £500 received. A progress report would have to be submitted to District in due course and the Committee agreed that it would then give consideration to making an additional grant to CHS, with a possible further application for another District grant.
4. **Rotary Community Service Award** A date for the presentation to Hannah Simmons is still to be decided.
5. **Catching Lives (CL)** The Chairman reported that the CL Trustees had still not responded to his request for information about the property lease and after some discussion it was agreed that he should write again drawing attention to the fast approaching end of our financial year, after which we may not be in a position to offer any financial support. The matter was deferred to the next meeting
6. **East Kent Independent Dementia Support (EKIDS).** DC reported that she had attended a meeting of a “support group” at the Kent and Canterbury Club (K&CC) and found the meeting to be worthwhile for those clients taking part. She further reported that the EKIDS volunteers there had no real idea as to the financing of the meetings. SD reported that the EKIDS pages on the Charity Commission website indicated that for each of the last 4 years the organisation’s income had exceeded its expenditure, in one year the excess was more than £30,000. Since the request for a grant this year had come from K&CC, SD undertook to contact both K&CC and EKIDS to let them sort the matter out.
7. **RYLA** JH reported that he had at last had some information and forms from District and that these had been sent to the candidates for completion.
8. **Budget 2017-2018** The Chairman tabled detailed information, which he had prepared to assist with the budget process, Members agreed to study the information and bring any further ideas for inclusion to the next meeting, especially any project that may be suitable for a District matching grant. DC agreed that in particular she would look at any suitable local dementia charities.
9. **Website Request.** A request had been received from Becky Turner-Knowles for sponsorship to help raise £200 for a Pageant Campaign in aid of the charity Bullies Out. It was agreed to pledge £50 subject to the receipt of further information, which the Chairman would request.

10. Canterbury Foodbank. RA had submitted a request for two grants of £250 to be included in the 2017-18 budget and this was agreed.

11. Tools for Self Reliance. A further request from RA was for £250 to help this charity meet their local costs and this was agreed for inclusion in next year's budget.

12. Porchlight. Porchlight had sent a general request to local supporting organisations asking for help in running a sleep out. The Committee agreed that whilst individual members may wish to take part, it could not offer organisational help.

13. Wheelchair Rugby. CE requested support for another young wheelchair rugby player who needed to upgrade his wheelchair. The Committee agreed to pledge £500 towards this cost and indicated that it would be sympathetic to further requests of this nature.

14. St Nicholas School. GD reminded the meeting that the reception year teacher from the school would be speaking to the club in June. A date and venue for this year's Kids Out was still being considered.

14. Date of Next Meeting. 6 June 2017 at 11.30.