

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 4 July 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, John Hill, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Bob Anderson, Deborah Connolly, Charles Evans, Rosemary Morton and Andrew Barchi

Apologies: David Lewis and John Hill

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £4083.15
3. **Rotary Community Service Award** The presentation to Hannah Simmons will be made at a July meeting of the club.
4. **Catching Lives (CL)** A second estimate for the window refurbishment is still awaited.
5. **Website Request - Canterbury Mediation Service (CMS)** CMS requested a grant of £210 towards the cost of carpeting an upstairs flat to help maintain neighbourly harmony in a difficult case, which they had achieved after two months involvement. This was agreed.
6. **Rising Sun Charity (RS)** Herne Bay RC has invited our club (and other local clubs) to collaborate in a venture to raise matching grant funding to enable RS to run a series of counselling courses for young men who are behaving aggressively/violently towards their families. The anticipated sum for these courses would be in the region of £5000. The Committee agreed to assure RC Herne Bay of our co-operation, the level of financial support to be decided at a later meeting once full details had been received.
7. **Special Educational Equipment – Littlebourne Primary School.** RA introduced a request from the school for help in purchasing special needs equipment for a young pupil at the school. The sum sought was £302 and the Committee agreed to meet this request.
9. **Sing for Your Lives (SFYL)** RA reported that he had discussed the Committee's offer of meeting half the cost of 12 months hire of the equipment (£300) with the Barham Nursing Home and that they were reviewing the options and would revert to us in due course.
10. **St Nicholas School – Kids Out.** CE reported that he, DC and GD took the children to Wingham Wild Life Park on 7 June – a successful day out.
11. **Canterbury MS Society.** DC reported that she and the Chairman had recently visited the new centre and were impressed with both the facilities and the range of services offered. She also reported that she had subsequently received a request from the society for £400 to help running a series of counselling sessions. The Committee agreed to meet this cost.
12. **End of Year Party.** SD stated that the party would be on 10th July at his house and that 16 members and spouses had indicated that they would attend – he would email those attending to remind them of the details.

- 13. Website Request – St Edmonds Schoolboy** The request by him for sponsorship for a fund raising cycle ride was considered inappropriate for the Committee to support.
- 14. Mary Edmondson Sporting Charity (MESC)** A request had been received from Roger Power who administers the charity, for assistance in sponsoring a top level athlete, Rachel Hannigan. The Committee agreed to match MESC's grant up to a maximum of £250.
- 15. Children's Social Work Team (CSWT)** The team had requested £500 to help a local family to get their home conditions to an acceptable condition. The CSWT letter had been very lacking in detail and the Chairman decided that he would ask David Lewis to investigate the matter.
- 16. Prostate Cancer Support Association (PCSA)** A request had been received from PCSA Kent for help in funding various projects and the Committee agreed to grant £500, the funds to be directed towards a hospital serving the Canterbury area community.
- 17. Canterbury Archery Club** CE reported that the club had among its members a very talented youngster who had the ability to reach national representational level but who would find meeting the expenses for the necessary equipment very difficult. CE agreed to provide more detail for the next meeting and to encourage the youngster to approach Roger Power's charity.
- 14. Date of Next Meeting.** 1 August 2017 at 11.30.