

**Rotary Club of Canterbury**  
**Minutes of the Community Service Committee**  
**11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.15 pm at the Cricket Ground**

**Present: Andrew Barchi, PP David Barton (in Chair),  
PP Harry Cragg, Gill Dixon, PP John Hill, David Lewis,  
Marjorie Lyle**

**Apologies: PP Sidney Denham, Colin McKone, Jo Nolan**

**1. Minutes.** 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**2. Charitable Funds Available: £3895.43**

**3. District Grant Deadlines:** The closing date for the second tranche of grants will be announced in the New Year. The Committee will recall that we shall be considering helping Home Start with their new initiative and Andrew Barchi & Jo Nolan volunteered to process the application.

***ACTION: For Future Discussion.***

**4. Donation for David Barber:** The Committee noted that **Charles Evans** will present a cheque for £300 at a Wheelchair Rugby training session in Canterbury.

***ACTION: Charles Evans***

**5. Headway.** The Committee noted that a letter of thanks has been received from Headway for our donation of £200 towards the running costs of their new minibus.

***ACTION: No Further Action***

**6. Website Request: for donation towards cost of £2,000 mobility scooter:** The committee did not feel able to approve

***ACTION: Chairman to write to her..***

**7. Sleep Out for the Homeless:** Gill Dixon reported that after a wonderful full night's sleep out for Porchlight she had

raised about £900. The Committee gave her their congratulations.

***ACTION: No Further Action***

8. **Circle Housing:** Awaiting President's input on event.

***ACTION: Chairman to liaise with President.***

9. **Canterbury Foodbank:** Agreed that Bob Anderson should investigate their current needs with a provisional budget of £250.

***ACTION: Bob Anderson***

9. **RYLA** – It was agreed to seek two candidates for the Spring 2017 RYLA Awards at a cost of about £200 each. Papers attached. PP John Hill agreed to organise this.

***ACTION: PP John Hill***

10. **CSC Budget 2016/2017:** Following recent Club Council meeting a revised statement on this matter is attached for discussion.

**Community Service Committee Budget 2016/2017**

1. The committee makes grants of up to £1,000 to charities, organisations & individuals with a strong Canterbury connection.
2. The majority of grants will be directed to charities and organisations, while each individual grant will be considered on its merits.
3. Analysis of our charitable grants over the last three Rotary years shows an average annual total of £6,760 with rather less than one third going to individuals.
4. We have a commitment to consider several organisations for assistance each year including : St Nicholas School, Catching Lives, Porchlight, Women' Refuge, RYLA, Canterbury Foodbank, Parkinsons UK Canterbury Branch, Mustard Seed Choir, Headway, East Kent Dementia Support, HiKent, Action on Hearing Loss, Prince of Wales Youth Club, Kent Association for the Blind.
5. Contact with these organisations is maintained by one designated committee member over a number of years.

6. There is a longer list of local organisations that we have a lesser commitment to and aim to help from time to time.
7. The committee reacts to requests from individuals and Groups as they arrive and increasingly these are coming from the website.
8. By the nature of our work it is not helpful or possible to provide detailed financial forecasts apart from stating that we can continue as we are with funds of about £8,000.
9. We are looking at possible major projects, which would involve matching grants and dedicated fund raising. Clearly this type of project would require detailed budgeting over a period of time.

***ACTION: For discussion at next meeting.***

**11            Triangle Awards 2016:** No information received yet from KCC. Alan Marriott of Forest of Blean is enquiring again.

***ACTION: For clarification by the Chairman***

**12.        Date of Next Meeting.    Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**