

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee

12th April 2016

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), PP Sidney Denham, PP Harry Cragg, PP John Hill, PP Robin Vickers, Rotarians Marjorie Lyle, Andrew Barchi, David Lewis, Rosemarie Morton, Brian Wheeler.

Apologies: Colin McKone, Mark Rosen, Gill Dixon

The Chairman welcomed Brian Wheeler to the first of his three 'taster' meetings of the Committee.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2016 were agreed and there were no matters arising.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** The Chairman did not have this figure to hand at present but there were believed to be sufficient funds available to cover any decisions made on Agenda items.
3. **New Wheelchair for a 16 year old boy.** The Chairman had written to enquire the cost of the proposed wheelchair but no response had been received yet.
4. **Alstrom Society UK.** A response to the Chairman's request for further information from the Society was still awaited.
5. **St Nicholas School Kids Day Out.** This event had taken place on 15th March and Gill Dixon would report on it in due course. However those members of the Committee who had been present reported that it had been a good event.
ACTION: Formal report on the event by Gill Dixon in due course
6. **Circle Housing.** A cheque for £450 had been sent towards the costs of the cycling initiative, as agreed, together with a request that members of the Committee be invited to see the equipment in use in due course. The Committee suggested that an experienced cyclist member of the Club might be included in a photo opportunity.
ACTION: The Chairman has sent a cheque for £450 with a request to have a photo-opportunity when the bicycles are in use.
7. **Catching Lives.** A meeting with Catching Lives to discuss nursing arrangements was scheduled for 14th April including DB, GD, WJ, DL & RM.
ACTION: The minutes of the meeting on 14th April are quoted in full below and will be discussed at the next meeting.
 1. ***At present Nikki Davies and Denise Warren run two clinics a week between them offering an initial health assessment, signposting and follow up after GP/hospital treatment. Conversation surrounding need for clients to take ownership of their own health, in conjunction with support from nurses and Catching Lives.***
 2. ***The medical room has an excess of supplies, particularly dressings. Action: Nikki Davies to contact local community nurse teams to enquire about swapping supplies to avoid waste.***
 3. ***Requirement for disposable equipment (e.g. Scissors) v's sterilising equipment-cost implications to be considered. Action: Denise Warren to research.***

4. **Community service group to feedback to Canterbury Rotary in May the findings from today's meeting; discussion around the potential to fund ½ a day's paid nurse.**

Suggested Band 7 nurse, ideally practice nurse due to their experience. £39,000 pro rata – 4 hours per week at £20ph = £4160 annual cost; No employer on costs, as below NI contribution threshold (£8060 and over add on 13.8%).

Action: David Barton to feedback to Rotary at monthly meeting querying ongoing award; Potential to approach other Rotaries of Canterbury and Whitstable/Chestfield for joint community project.

5. **Requirement for IT facilities for Medical room: Laptop/PC with printer to enable nurses to refer to CCG protocols/NICE guidelines and compose formal letters to GP's. Action: David Barton to send information bulletin to Rotary committee to enquire whether anyone has a 2nd hand PC/Laptop that they no longer require. Kate Menzies to make enquires with local architects who supported IT 'upgrade' within rest of the centre.**

6. **Discussion around the need for support network of agencies and GP surgeries for increased nurse volunteers and training. Action: Nikki Davies to formally email Jenny Boston and Wendy Mulkinson, practice liaison managers to enquire about volunteer nurses and to ask if there are opportunities for free training through nurse advisors.**

7. **Requirement to confirm and implement protocol surrounding Indemnity Insurance for registered volunteer nurses under the Good Samaritan work clause. Action: Denise Warren to research and circulate information.**

8. **East Kent Independent Dementia Support (EKIDS).** A letter of thanks had been received following the donation of £250.

9. **TryAngle Awards.** The Chairman had been advised by email from the Rotary Club of Forest of Blean that KCC Childrens' Department would be holding a TryAngle Award for 2016. However, this year, there will only be one County event and no regional events. It was unclear as to how many entrants would be attracted from the Canterbury area and the event would take place in Ashford. It was understood that Forest of Blean intended to support the event as had been discussed previously when it was expected to include regional events and the Committee agreed to support this County event in the amount of £250 for this year only. The benefit of the event to the Canterbury area would be evaluated later.

ACTION: The Chairman has informed Forest of Blean and will send them a cheque for £250.

10. **Website request to sponsor a child on a trip to Lourdes.** A person with cerebral palsy was holding an event in Whitstable on 9th July to raise funds to support children being able to go to Lourdes for a week. This was an experience from which they had benefitted as a child. Help was being asked for and AB agreed to follow this up.

ACTION: Enquiries to be made by Andrew Barchi.

11. **Website request from Sarah Day.** This lady is a member of the Rotary Club of Romney Marsh and is organizing a service at Canterbury Cathedral for the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. It was agreed that the invitation for Club members to attend as guests should be passed to the Club President.

ACTION: Invitation passed to Club Secretary by Chairman

12. **John Graham Centre.** The John Graham Centre had now received funding for the sensory room which they had originally asked the Club to support. They were now hoping to build accommodation for riders to use for their lunch break and for study. At present they use a caravan. The Centre has obtained Charitable funding of £10,000 to purchase new equipment for the riders and to equip their hoped for new building and are asking if the Club will help fund the building project. The Committee agreed that clarification is needed on the extent of the Charitable activity at the centre as opposed to the family run business but, in any event, support would only be provided for equipment and not for a capital project.
ACTION: PP Sidney Denham to report back to the next meeting.
13. **Kent Association for the Blind (KAB)** ML reported that the proposed over glasses that the Committee had agreed to fund would not be solely for the Canterbury branch of KAB but on a County wide basis. This offer had now been withdrawn but KAB have asked if the Club will consider funding the purchase of a specially adapted Apple iPad for use by KAB users. The iPad will have speech recognition and sound reproduction as well as touch control and will be available for use on the KAB premises and also to train users ready to have their own Tablet if they wish. The Committee agreed to fund this project at a cost of £550 on the understanding that future maintenance costs would be met by KAB.
ACTION: Cheque for £550 being sent by Chairman and Marjorie Lyle is seeking a Presentation Photo-opportunity
14. **Canterbury Hospice.** The Committee agreed that a flyer advertising the need for volunteers to assist with fund raising activities should be circulated via the President to the Club as a whole.
Action: Invitation passed to Club Secretary by Chairman.
15. **Assistance for disadvantaged 13 year old girl.** Social Services had written asking the Club to help fund dance clothing and transport costs for a disadvantaged 13 year old girl. Their letter did not clarify where the girl lives nor give any indication of costs or which other organizations had been approached to provide help.
ACTION: The Chairman will make further enquiries and report back to the next meeting.
16. **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 6.15pm**