

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Community Service Committee
12 January 2016

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), PP John Hill, PP Robin Vickers, PP Sidney Denham, , PP Harry Cragg, Marjorie Lyle, Colin McKone, Gill Dixon, Wendy Jones, Andrew Barchi, Charles Evans, David Lewis, Rosemarie Morton

Apologies: Mark Rosen

1. The Minutes of meeting held on 8 December 2015 were agreed and there were no matters arising.

2. Charitable Funds Available: £3,201.23

3. Cherished Memories. SD updated the Committee on the suitability of this small charity to be given a grant and it was agreed to give £200. The charity relies on donations and performs a valuable facilitator function to give children in hospices in Kent, Surrey and Sussex a special day out, which in turn becomes a cherished memory for their families.

4. John Graham Trust. ML reported that she had helped at the Trust's Christmas Event, which was very well attended and over £1000 raised. Our club received very good publicity in the event programme, not only as a sponsor of the occasion but also in our ongoing general support for the charity.

5. Parkinson's UK. Thanks had been received for our recent donation and the letter put on the club's website.

6. Roper House. CE reported on the pre-Christmas trip to the Reindeer Centre by residents and staff, which the Committee had funded. The trip had been enjoyed by all concerned, including by CE who now has a new hobby - feeding donkeys! A full report with a photograph is on the club website.

7. Stroke Awareness Day. Although a date had now been fixed for the 2016 day, the Committee reaffirmed its earlier decision that we would not hold our own event this year.

8. OASIS. The Chairman reported that the security cameras had now been installed and the resident was very pleased with the result. Crimefighter Alarms had given a generous 5% discount for the installation, which after this discount, had cost us £778.62. PP Geoff Goodban and Sharon Jordan would be thanked for their help with this matter. A letter of thanks has been received from OASIS and the client.

9. St Nicholas School Kids Day Out. GD reported that the event would take place on 15 March 2016 and that up to 4 Rotarians would be welcome to attend. A budget of £100 was agreed.

10. Fundraising. AB led a discussion on the possibility of the Committee doing its own fundraising, for which he had some ideas, but about which he was concerned that there would be an unwelcome overlap with the club's fundraising committee. This concern was shared by most members present and it was agreed that such ideas for fundraising should be passed to the fundraising committee.

11. Retention of Committee Correspondence. The Chairman would discuss the issue with the club archivist.

12. Catching Lives: Review on Nursing Support available to Catching Lives. Working Party made up of Chairman, Robin Vickers, Wendy Jones, Gill Dixon and Ian Wright has yet to meet and a report will be brought to the February meeting. RV noted that the charity's latest accounts showed a significant surplus of funds.

13. Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) "Great British Fish & Chip Supper". The request for our Committee to be involved should be passed to the fundraising committee.

14. SIA Sponsored Cycle Challenge. A request had been received from SIA for us to sponsor a cyclist in this 3 city challenge (Budapest, Vienna and Bratislava) at a cost of £1,400. Decision: Not on this occasion.

15. New Wheelchair for a 16 year old boy. This request to be investigated by WJ, who will report back to the February Meeting.

16. Circle Housing. A short presentation on this charity was given by Alison Welsh and Janice Budd prior to the Committee's meeting. They were looking for support to introduce a cycling activity for their residents - the total sum for 3 sets of equipment including bicycles would be in the region of £450. RV agreed to review the charity's accounts and report back.

17. Mustard Seed Concert. JH reported that he and several Rotarians had attended this concert just before Christmas and all agreed that it was a successful concert.

18. Stelling Minnis Primary School. AB circulated photographs of children wearing the high vis tabards sponsored by the Committee. It was agreed that these photographs should be put on the website if possible.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 February 2016 - a special date for one member of the Committee (ML)!