

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

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), PP Sidney Denham, , PP John Hill
Rotarians Marjorie Lyle, Colin McKone, David Lewis, Deborah Connolly, Gill
Dixon, Brian Wheeler, Andrew Barchi, Bob Anderson and Charles Evans

Apologies: PP Harry Cragg, Rtns Alan Holmes and Deborah Connelly

- 1.. **Minutes.** The Minutes of meeting held on 14 June 2016 were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £2159
3. **Kent Association for the Blind.** Rosemary Doyle is trying to get the local newspaper to publish the presentation photograph.
ACTION: As above
4. **Website Request – Additional Wheelchair Equipment.** The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of thanks from Sophie Naylor with a photograph of the Spinergy Spox wheels and he would prepare a report for the website.
ACTION: Website article by Chairman
- 5.a **Website Request – St Nicholas School.** Our pledged £500 had now been sent to St Nicholas School following their successful completion of the D of E Gold expedition to Finland. The headmaster would be asked to include a report of this expedition when he addresses the club on 27 September.
ACTION: Follow up talk to club by Headmaster
- 5.b **St Nicholas School Kids Day Out – Wingham Wild Life Park.** GD reported that the event had been a great success, with 10 children and four staff from the school attending. Four Rotarians had assisted on the day (GD, DC, CE & SD) and lunches had been provided by Kings School. The event would be included in next year’s calendar, together with the winter Fun Day. Both events would need Committee sponsorship of approx £100 per event. This was agreed.
ACTION: Twice yearly days out to continue.
6. **New Wheelchair for a 16 year old boy. (See minute 7 of the June meeting).** The Chairman has informed the applicant of the £300 pledge. BA suggested that Roger Power may have a source of additional funding and the Chairman agreed to follow this up.
ACTION: CE agreed to watch the applicant in action playing wheelchair rugby.

8. **Homeless Charities Initiative.**

(1) DC has contacted the City Council and is still awaiting an appropriate response.

(2) Catching Lives Nursing Arrangements. The president is negotiating with the other 2 Canterbury Clubs with a view to the joint funding of part-time nursing assistance.

(3) Cathedral Precincts Sleep Out. GD would be participating and the Committee agreed to make up any shortfall in her sponsorship fundraising.

With regard to the general initiative, the Committee had some doubt as to what role, if any, it could have in trying to coordinate action by the various agencies

ACTION: agreed to await the response from the City Council in the first instance..

9. **Home Start.** The Home Start project officer would be invited to give a short presentation to a future meeting of the Committee .

ACTION: Chairman to arrange presentation to Committee.

10. **Club Finances.** BA gave a short, detailed presentation on the Club's overall financial position, the difficulties faced in the near future and in particular the possible impact on the charity accounts. The Committee noted the importance therefore of being able to justify its future spending needs and to this end, it proposed to draw up a project list for budgetary purposes. In the meantime members should give some thought to possible fund raising ideas and DL suggested we should consider having a separate brain storming meeting for this purpose.. The Committee agreed that any ideas arising should be passed to the club's Fund Raising Committee.

ACTION: The committee reaffirmed its policy of treating each request for help on its merits while keeping within the available funds.

11. **Mustard Seed Singers;** John Hill reported after the meeting that further discussion confirms that Mustard Seed do not need any help with Presentation Equipment at the moment.

No Further Action

12. **End of Year Party.** ***The Committee reiterated its thanks to AB for once again hosting the end of year party, which had been a great success.***

13. **Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 13th September**