

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Community Service Committee
14 June 2016

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), PP Sidney Denham, , PP Harry Cragg, PP Robin Vickers, Rotarians Marjorie Lyle, Colin McKone, David Lewis, Deborah Connolly, Gill Dixon, Brian Wheeler and Andrew Barchi

Apologies: PP John Hill, VP Mark Rosen

The Chairman welcomed Deborah Connolly, who was joining the Committee with immediate effect.

- 1.. **Minutes.** The Minutes of meeting held on 10 May 2016 were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £2711
3. **Kent Association for the Blind.** ML reported that she had presented the voice activated iPhone that morning, at a ceremony attended by herself and CM. CM had taken a photograph of the occasion and it was hoped that this could be used for publicity purposes, perhaps in the Clubs section of the local newspaper.
ACTION: Possible Newspaper report to be investigated by Colin McKone & Marjorie Lyle
4. **Website Request – Additional Wheelchair Equipment.** The Chairman reported that he had sent a cheque for £540 to Cinque Ports Mobility for the purchase of the Spinerogy Spox wheels for Sophia Naylor, as agreed at the last meeting.
ACTION: Possible website entry to be investigated by Chairman.
5. **Website Request – St Nicholas School.** A pledge has been given to contribute £500 to help fund D of E Gold participation for 4 pupils.
ACTION: Chairman to arrange to pay cheque when fundraising is complete.
5. **St Nicholas School Kids Day Out – Wingham Wild Life Park.** GD reported on the arrangements she had made for the event on 22 June 2016: there will be 11 children and 5 adults from the school, plus 4/5 Rotarians (GD, DC, SD and possibly CE). PP David Naumann will arrange lunches for St Nicholas contingent from the Kings School.
ACTION: Organisation of event delegated to Gill Dixon
6. **Website Request to Sponsor a Child on a Trip to Lourdes.** AB reported that he was still struggling to get useful information from the potential organiser and after a show of hands revealed very lukewarm support for the project, the committee decided that since the gentleman concerned lived in Whitstable, he should be referred to the Whitstable Rotary Club if he made further contact.
ACTION: No further action needed.
7. **New Wheelchair for a 16 year old boy.** Further information revealed that he had been successful in obtaining a new wheelchair for daily use but was seeking help towards the cost of purchasing a sports wheelchair to enable him to fully participate in wheelchair rugby, at which sport he was apparently showing great promise. After some discussion the committee agreed to pledge a £300 contribution, which would be contingent upon him raising the further £500 needed for the purchase.
ACTION; Chairman will inform the applicant of the pledge and arrange payment in due course.

8. End of Year Committee Party. AB has kindly offered to host the party again this year and the agreed date is 7 July, 6 pm for 7. Rotarians joining the Committee in the next Rotary year will be invited .AB to be notified of members' plans to attend or otherwise by 1 July. Cost will be £7.50 a head for Fish & Chips and deserts. Participants requested to bring bottles of wine or soft drinks.

ACTION: Chairman will circulate invitation. RSVP to Andrew Barchi

9. Homeless Charities Initiative. The Chairman reminded the Committee of the President Elect's wishes that we should investigate the possible need for Rotary to be involved in the coordination of charitable activities for the homeless in Canterbury and he suggested that we should form a sub-committee consisting of PP Sidney Denham, David Lewis & Deborah Connolly to take the matter forward

ACTION: . DC agreed to contact Canterbury City Council in the first instance.

10. Home Start. Letter received.

ACTION: to be considered at next meeting.

11. Mustard Seed. Request received for help to buy or hire a projector at possible cost of £320.

ACTION: It was agreed that the Chairman & PP John Hill would investigate further and make a commitment to help in some way.

12. Refugee Tales. Flyer for event at UKC on 3rd July received from Caroline Lees should be circulated to all Rotary Club Members.

ACTION: Chairman to refer this to Club Secretary for circulation

13. Any Other Business.

a) Lord Mayor's Award. PP Harry Cragg discussed putting someone forward for a Lord Mayor's Award.

ACTION: This was delegated to the Chairman for action.

b) Hope for Tomorrow. Marjorie Lyle fed back that Hope for Tomorrow was celebrating and had made a lot of progress improving access to chemotherapy in different areas of the country.

NO ACTION

c.) John Graham Trust. Briefly discussed and it was agreed not to make further donations at present in view of organisational problems.

NO ACTION

c) Life Lights project Demelza House. Brian Wheeler reported that he has booked a speaker in September on this topic.

NO ACTION

14. Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 12th July