

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 12th November 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

PP D Barton (Chair)
PP D Naumann
Rtn A Barchi
PP S Denham
Rtn G Dixon
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn D Lewis
Rtn M Lyle
Rtn C McKone
Rtn M Rosen
PP R Vickers

Apologies:

PP J Hill

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2013

Approved.

2. Matters Arising

None save as appear in the Agenda.

3. Uncommitted Funds Available

£3,223.00.

Funds pledged £1,500 to the Steppingstones Nursery and Canterbury Food Bank.

4. Matters of Report taken as read

- (a) The Committee recorded its thanks to ML for her input in organising the contribution to "Hope for Tomorrow".
- (b) DN has delivered a cheque for £500 to Waymark Trust towards counselling sessions. A letter of thanks is on its way to the Club.
- (c) Noted that JH no further support for the MS Society appeal at this stage
- (d) Noted letter of thanks from Prostate Cancer UK.

5. Know Your Blood Pressure Day

The correct date for Know Your Blood Pressure Day is **Saturday 5th April 2014**. The event will be organised by Gill D, SD, together with DN and Rtn Ian Wright when he is back in the country.

6. Chartham Youth Club

AB will arrange to handover the cheque for £250 granted to the Chartham Youth Club.

7. Canterbury Food Bank

MR reported on the developments for the Canterbury Food Bank. The Food Bank Newsletter had been circulated to members. The Food Bank would like to prepare Christmas hampers/food parcels to be available to those in need. MR will advise the Club of any items specifically required by the Food Bank.

The Committee agreed to match contributions made by the Club to the Canterbury Food Bank supplies up to a limit of £250. MR, DN and CMcK will arrange for collection of items donated by members of the Club and the transport of the items to the Food Bank.

The Committee noted the need for an inventory to be kept of items donated by Club members which will then be matched by the Committee's contribution.

MR will contact Jarle Tatt who is also involved in fundraising for the Canterbury Food Bank.

8. Hockey Sponsorship : Aurora Mears

DN reported on the request by Aurora Mears for assistance towards the cost of hockey goalkeeping equipment. DN declared an interest in that Aurora Mears and her family were known to him.

The Committee noted details of the family and personal circumstances of Aurora Mears. The application was wholeheartedly endorsed by DN. After full discussion, the Committee agreed to assist with sponsorship by providing a grant of £300 to cover the cost of a helmet and body armour. The Committee queried whether a Rotary logo could be endorsed on the helmet or body armour. The Committee noted that Aurora Mears would be a good ambassador for Rotary's involvement and suggested that she should be invited to address the Club.

9. Rising Sun Domestic Violence Unit

The Committee approved a grant of £500 to the Rising Sun Domestic Violence Unit to be applied to their counselling sessions. PLF to make the necessary arrangements.

10. RYLA

The Committee noted that JH is no longer able to continue to organise the placements with RYLA. MR volunteered to take on the organisation with DN able to assist in the administrative arrangements for selection of candidates. DB will produce an address list of local schools.

11. Any Other Business

- (a) The Committee noted the arrangement for Rotary widows to attend the Club's Christmas Dinner and for gifts to be made to Rotary widows.
- (b) The Committee agreed to delegate powers to DB and PLF to make grants in the event of an emergency between meetings of the Committee in December 2013 and January 2014.

12. Date of Next Meeting

10th December 2013.

Apologies for the meeting from DB. PLF to chair (if available).