

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 9th July 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

Rtn P Le Fleming (Chair)
PP D Naumann
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn G Dixon
Rtn M Lyle
Rtn C McKone
Rtn L Norris
Rtn M Rosen
Rtn R Vickers

Apologies:

PP D Barton
PP J Hill
PP S Roe
Rtn E Abbott
Rtn S Denham

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2013

Correction.

Paragraph 10(a)
Ms Polby's correct title is PP Dr Palby.

Subject thereto the Minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising

None save as appear in the Agenda.

3. Uncommitted Funds Available

£2,128.

The Committee noted further funds are to be allocated at the Club Council Meeting in July 2013.

4. Matters of Report

- (a) TryAngle Awards
DN had obtained a copy of the TryAngle Awards 2013 Programme and noted that the programme stated John Rogerson of the RC Canterbury was a presenter at the evening. John Rogerson is in fact

from the RC Forest of Blean and did not attend the evening. In the event, Brian Troughton of RC Herne Bay attended the evening and presented the award on behalf of the RC Canterbury.

After the evening, DN wrote to the Kentish Gazette as there had been no coverage of the TryAngle Awards evening in the newspaper. DN had received a reply from the Kentish Gazette advising that the Gazette staff had not been informed of, or invited to, the TryAngle Awards evening. DN will provide a copy of the letter to be kept with the Committee papers by the Chairman.

DN subsequently contacted the TryAngle organisers who stated that they had sent photographs of the event to the Gazette.

The Committee discussed at length the Chairman's proposal that the donation of £300 for TryAngle Awards previously agreed in principle should be cancelled, in view of the further information provided by DN.

The Committee noted that:

- i. The TryAngle Awards Foundation is a separate freestanding charity albeit heavily reliant on the Integrated Youth Services team of the Kent County Council for its administration and organisation.
- ii. That the TryAngle Awards Scheme is worthy of support.
- iii. The format of the evening is that the organisers put on an evening of food and entertainment for the nominees for the awards in different categories and that during the evening the awards were presented, with the winners receiving a certificate in recognition of their achievements. The Committee noted that the individual candidates and winners do not receive any further direct prize other than the recognition certificate.

The Committee resolved to make a retrospective donation of £100 to TryAngle Awards Foundation towards the cost of the awards evening on 20th June 2013 (noting that this award was in line with the previous year's awards when the six cluster Clubs all contributed £100 to the TryAngle Awards evening). DN to write to TryAngle Awards with the donation and to express regret at the lack of organisation for the evening.

For the future, the Committee recommended that one person from the Committee be delegated with the task of liaising with the TryAngle Awards organisers on a proactive basis and in good time (circa. February/March) prior to the next year's awards ceremony.

- (b) Drop Kerb Project
The Committee noted that the previous pledge had been withdrawn due to changed circumstances.
- (c) Parkinsons UK
C McK confirmed that he would attend the Parkinsons UK Garden Party on 13th July 2013. The Committee authorised C McK to make

enquiries of the Parkinsons UK as to the need for support of a modest nature that the organisation may have.

(d) **EKIDS**

The Committee noted that a further letter of thanks has been received from EKIDS.

5. Porchlight Picnic

The Committee discussed the proposal taken on by Gill D to organise a fundraising picnic. Gill D confirmed that the fundraising would be achieved by requiring a donation of £5 per person. In principle, the organisation of the picnic would involve identifying a suitable location for the event with those attending providing their own refreshments. In view of the lack of significant response to the proposed picnic on 12th July 2013, Gill D will address the Club to see what level of support there may be for a picnic on 26th July 2013.

6. Demelza House

Gill D has spoken to Demelza House as to their requirements for the hospice at Sittingbourne. Currently Demelza House do not need any items of medical equipment (such as a syringe driver previously discussed). Demelza House do have a need for garden equipment used to maintain the Garden of Tranquillity including a garden trolley (£435), greenhouse water system (£200), sprayer (£379), fertiliser spreader (£90).

The Committee noted that although the items were of themselves mundane, the Garden of Tranquillity is an integral part of the hospice. The Committee resolved that Gill D should make further enquiries of Demelza House to ascertain whether if the gardening items were acquired, a suitable plaque recognising the involvement of the RC Canterbury in supporting Demelza House could be erected either in the hospice reception area or in the garden itself. If approval for a plaque is given by Demelza, Gill D in liaison with the Committee Chairman, is authorised to approve the contribution up to £1,015 to cover up to three of the four items identified.

MR confirmed that he had contacted the Sunrise Rotary Club re a joint support by the Clubs for Demelza House but with no progress.

7. Food Bank

The Committee discussed the possibility of applying for a District Matched Grant in respect of the initial pledge of £500 towards the cost of a motor vehicle for the Food Bank. After discussion, the Committee concluded that the proposal might not in fact qualify for District Match funding and that it would be more appropriate to make an immediate pledge of £1,000 towards the cost of the motor vehicle once the Food Bank had raised the balance of the funds required. MR to advise Chrissie Barr accordingly.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of organising a collection of food donations for the Food Bank (in-date tins and sealed dried food). PLF to make enquiries of Bob Anderson to confirm his availability to act as a collector. It was envisaged that at a suitable Rotary Meeting (perhaps once a month) Bob Anderson would collect donations and transport them to the Food Bank.

8. Any Other Business

- (a) Gill D reported that the Prostate Cancer Awareness Day will be 28th September 2013. The organisers are sending information to Gill D. Gill D will liaise with J Hill on his return re contacting Ben Eddy as to his possible involvement with the Prostate Awareness Day.
- (b) DN reported that Cathedral Camps would not be holding a Cathedral Camps Working Party in Canterbury this year as all the works that might potentially have been covered by the Cathedral Camps Working Party had already been covered in the preparations for the Enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. DN to acknowledge the position to Cathedral Camps and express a willingness in principle for the committee to support future Cathedral Camps.
- (c) PLF advised of the contact by Laura Gainey, via the Club's website, seeking support for the cost of her undertaking an MA at the London School of Theology. The Committee noted that the application did not fall within the Committee's remit. PLF to refer to Leslie Stephenson re the Millennium Scholarship Fund. DB to advise accordingly.

9. Date of Next Meeting

6.00pm on 10th September 2013 at the Kent County Cricket Ground.

NOTES FOR INFORMATION

- 1. PLF has discussed with Bob Anderson the proposal that Bob Anderson could act as a collector of food items donated by Rotarians for the Food Bank. Bob Anderson is happy to take on the role in principle. MR should now research clearly the type of food items acceptable to the Food Bank and liaise with Bob Anderson as to the frequency of collections from the Club. MR (or the Chairman) should then put the proposal to the membership of the Club both at meetings and by email.
- 2. PLF referred the application by Laura Gainey to Leslie Stephenson. Leslie Stephenson advised that the request for support to fund the MA course did not fall within the Millennium Scholarship Fund criteria. DB to advise Laura Gainey accordingly.
- 3. The date for the next meeting (taken from the Directory) clashes with a guest evening. There is no Committee Meeting in August 2013. The Committee may wish to consider whether to reschedule the date of the next meeting to avoid the Committee Meeting being held prior to the guest evening where the venue is yet to be confirmed.