

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 10th September 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

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

Apologies:

PP J Hill
Rtn G Dixon

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2013

Approved.

2. Matters Arising

None save as appear in the Agenda.

3. Uncommitted Funds Available

£5,098.00.

The Committee noted that £1,500 has been pledged to Steppingstones Nursery and Canterbury Food Bank.

4. Matters of Report taken as read

- (a) The proposed charity picnic to be held in aid of funds for Porchlight was cancelled due to lack of support.
- (b) A request for volunteers to act as new trustees for Porchlight has been distributed to Club members.

5. Parkinsons UK

The Committee endorsed the proposal by CMcK to make a grant of £500 to Parkinsons UK to fund ten hydrotherapy sessions for eight people.

6. Waymark Trust

D Naumann proposed that the Committee should consider a grant to the Waymark Trust to fund more counselling sessions. The Committee agreed to invite a representative from Waymark Trust to attend the next meeting to explain the organisation's financial position and "recovery plan". In principle, the Committee was supportive of a short term grant earmarked specifically for counselling sessions and subject to further information about the organisation's financial position.

7. Prostate Awareness Day

The Committee noted that the arrangements for the Prostrate Awareness Day on 28th September 2013 were in hand under G Dixon's auspices. RV has a board for volunteers which will be circulated at Club Meetings. JH will liaise with Ben Eddie – Urologist – regarding support for the event. DN proposed that we should place a bucket for donations to Prostate Cancer UK at a central point where the Prostate Awareness information is to be distributed. G Dixon to liaise with Prostate Cancer UK for a suitable collection bucket and labels, etc.

8. Canterbury Food Bank

MR reported that he had no further information regarding the progress made by Canterbury Food Bank towards raising funds for the purchase of a motor vehicle to which a grant had been allocated previously. The Committee discussed the possibility of the Club collecting food – tins and dried food in date – for distribution through the Canterbury Food Bank. MR will look into the position with the management of the Cricket Club and Canterbury Food Bank. A Barchi offered the use of a standard size (clean) wheelie bin to act as a collection point for Club food donations.

9. Mobile Chemotherapy Report

ML reported on the project for a mobile chemotherapy unit for East Kent (see website : www.hopefortomorrow.org.uk). The Committee approved an allocation of £525 for the purchase of a chemotherapy chair to be paid when the project is up and running. ML to ascertain the timescale for the project and when the funds may be required. ML also to enquire about the possibility of a Rotary plaque being attached not only to the chair but also to the vehicle itself. The Committee agreed that the Chairman and ML should be given discretion to liaise with the Project over the arrangements for the grant. The Chairman will write to the Canterbury cluster clubs group confirming the Committee's endorsement of the project and copying that letter to the organisation with the contact details for the clubs in the expectation that all Rotary Clubs in the area covered by the project would be invited to contribute.

10. TriAngle Awards

DN reported on thanks received from the integrated youth service for the donation to the TriAngle Wards for 2013. DN to liaise with the organisers of the TriAngle Awards 2014 in the New Year. The award scheme will be launched in February 2014.

11. Demelza House

The Committee approved the proposal to fund a cast iron memorial tree at Demelza House for £200.

12. Any Other Business

- (a) Kent MS Therapy Centre.
Item adjourned to enable JH to report.
- (b) DN reported on the World Alzheimer's Month set for September 2014 and Alzheimer's Day set for 21st September 2014 with a recommendation that the dates be kept in mind for the Committee next year. DN will liaise with Dr Palby and keep the Committee advised.
- (c) AB reported on the thanks received from Heath Farm Children's Services for the loan of the Rotary BBQ at the Health Farm Children's Services summer festival in August 2013.

13. Date of Next Meeting

6.00pm on 8th October 2013 at the Kent County Cricket Ground.