

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 14th. April 2015

Present: PP David Barton (Chairman), Marjorie Lyle, PP John Hill, David Lewis, Andrew Barchi and Colin McKone.

Apologies: Peer Le Fleming, PP Sidney Denham, Gill Dixon, Mark Rosen and PP Robin Vickers

1. Minutes of the meeting 10th. March—Approved
2. Matters arising- None
3. Charitable Funds available: £3075 (including pledges of £250 to Try Angle awards scheme & £450 to Cruse Bereavement Counselling)
4. **RYLA** Our selected candidate pulled out at the last minute. Further candidates to be identified for the Autumn training course.
5. District Governors Appeal to support the Lords Taverners' mini Bus Appeal. The Committee felt that this was a major well-funded national charity and that CSC funds are for individual well researched local projects. It would be more appropriate if any proposed grant came from the Club as a whole.
6. **Demelza House** This is an important charity but it should be noted that the Committee have already given two donations in the last two years. At the last grant our contact gave the impression that they were already well funded. The Committee welcomed the idea of fundraising for a single charity but would like to look at a single project that has been fully researched by the Committee.
7. **Waymark Trust-** a follow up letter has been received thanking us for our support.
8. **Littlebourne Defibrillator;** A follow up report has been received from Bob Anderson stating that the village has now purchased a subsidised defibrillator and requires no help from CSC. The Committee thanks Bob Anderson for his work on this potential project.
9. **Invitations received:** Marjorie Lyle will attend the AGM of the Canterbury and District Recorder at Age UK at 2.30pm on Saturday 9th. May.
John Hill will attend the Opening of the new MS Therapy Centre at 2.0pm on Friday 24th. April.
10. **High Visibility Rotary Tabards for Stelling Minnis:** Andrew Barchi has ordered them and will present them to the Primary School.
11. **Sponsorship for Rachel Bowen:** John Hill has visited her and saw her playing Badminton in the special sports wheelchair. He was very impressed with her ability and our £500 donation was well placed.
12. **Know YourBP/Stroke Awareness Day:** This event was originally planned for 25th April. Gill Dixon has reported that the Chaucer nurses will not be available. At the same time they raised a number of issues regarding the organisation of such an event. It is necessary to use qualified nurses to measure the blood pressure using calibrated machines and in the presence of a medical qualified doctor who is covered by current medical negligence insurance. Regretfully and after careful decision the committee decided that the event will be cancelled for this year and try next year to see if we can identify a suitable qualified and insured doctor and the help of the Chaucer nurses/or other nurses if they are prepared to assist. It should also be noted that the public's uptake of this service has steadily declined over the last few years.

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Riding for the Disabled: The Committee have previously pledged a donation of £500 towards the purchase of a hoist to help disabled riders mount the horses., but this was contingent upon them raising other funding so the donation as has been withheld. Marjorie Lyle reported that they have now organised their fundraising efforts and have appointed a coordinator to bring together the various efforts already made. A hoist is now needed more than ever because they have a potential 15stone rider who needs assistance to mount. Our pledge of £500 was reinstated and will be released when the other funding is in place.

Cruse Bereavement Counselling: It was noted that we already have a pledge of £450 to Cruse for training a counsellor and this is in readiness until the persons concerned is able to start the course.

DONM: Tuesday 12th. May 2015 at 5.30 pm with a presentation on the Littlebourne Scout Group.