

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the Community Service Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**Attendance:** PP David Barton (Chairman), Rtn Mark Rosen (Vice Chairman and Acting Secretary), PP Sidney Denham, Rtn Andrew Barchi, Rtn Gill Dixon, Rtn Marjorie Lyle, Rtn David Lewis, Rtn Collin McKone,

**Apologies:** PP Robin Vickers, PP John Hill, PP David Naumann, Rtn Peer Le Fleming, Rtn Rosemarie Morton

The Committee approved the appointment of Rtn Mark Rosen as Vice Chairman.

#### **1. Minutes of the Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

The minutes of the meeting were approved

#### **2. Matters Arising**

Covered in the Agenda

#### **3. Funds Available:**

Charitable Funds available: £3,488.49 (less pledges of £450 to Cruse and £510.50 to POW Youth Club). No further allocation is expected in this Rotary Year.

#### **4. Homestart**

Presentation of a cheque for £175 has been made by the President. A speaker from Homestart is being invited to address the Club. Action:

#### **5. Hi-Kent-**

Presentation of a cheque for £600 to Sophie Jackson to pay for her training as a Sign Language teacher took place at the Lunch meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November. Action: No further action required at this time by the CSC.

#### **6. Price of Wales Youth Club**

MR said that an application for District Grant had been prepared by him and AB and submitted before the deadline. The application is likely to find favour and a question was raised as to whether we could pay the grant to them or at least the Club's portion of the total. After discussion it was agreed to pay the grant only after it had been approved by District. As camping equipment was involved it was considered unlikely that this would be needed until next year and was thus not urgent. Action: MR to contact Ralph Stanger District Grants Liaison officer for update.

## **7. Parkinson UK**

CM reported that he had a meeting with Richard Bond, the Chairman of Parkinson's UK Canterbury Branch and presented the cheque of £950 from the Club.. **Action:** No further action required at this time by the CSC.

## **8. Worthgate Scouts**

Chairman has written to say further donation cannot be considered until new Rotary Year after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015. Action: No further action required at this time by the CSC.

## **9. Club Website**

Community Service area in Activities Section of the Club website needs updating.  
Action: Chairman.

## **10. Porchlight Homeless Conference**

DL reported he attended the conference at the Cathedral Lodge and he was impressed how well organised and well attended the conference was. He was thought the theme of the conference of what people needed and not what they wanted was good. DS offered to contact Porchlight to see if CSC can offer anymore help and come back with any ideas to help the community. Action: DL

## **11. Rising Sun Domestic Violence Project**

No one was available to attend their AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Action: No further action required at this time by the CSC.

## **12. Littlebourne Village Automated External Defibrillator Project**

No longer requiring assistance as a bulk purchase of AED machines has resulted in greatly reduced prices. Action: No further action required at this time by the CSC.

## **13. Canterbury Swimming Club request for help with new score board**

CCSC would like to get its Digital Scoreboard replaced in 2015. As you can imagine this is a huge expense. The Head coach and swimming committee have decided that an Omega Swiss Digital Scoreboard would be of their liking. The costs involved are about £ 22.000.

Obviously there is other equipment needed/wanted but the club, outlined in our Fundraising letter, that there aim is for 2015 is the Scoreboard. That is an essential piece of equipment, whilst running a gala. CCSC does like to host 2 of their own galas, per calendar year, but also host different galas, requested by other clubs and by at least 2

Leagues. Clubs are always commenting on how efficient CCSC is running its and their galas, but lately the Scoreboard has not been performing as it should be, due to its age. CCSC is proud to provide help to other clubs out where as and when needed. If you have any more questions and or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again Best regards, Hilde Koets Fundraising Team CCSC. Action: CSC Chairman to write back to the CCSC and ask them how they will raise the money. Sub Committee to be organised at our next meeting.

#### **14. TryAngle Awards**

Committee approved the proposal by Chairman for Canterbury RC to match Forrest of Blean RC by donating **£250** each to sponsor a TryAngle Award. Action: Chairman to invite Blean RC to our January CSC meeting.

#### **15. Safety & Protection Policies**

Committee to consider the importance of these policies for CSC and report there comments in our January meeting. Action: All CSC members

#### **16. Foodbank**

Committee approved for MR to present **£150** worth of Christmas Food to Canterbury Food Bank. MR offered to organise an Easter Trolley Dash. Action: MR

#### **17. Mobile Chemotherapy Service**

ML reported that she attended a party in Herne Bay given by the organisers of the Mobile Chemotherapy Service. ML reported that the service they offer has doubled and the service has expanded to Dover and Faversham. Action: No further action required at this time by the CSC.

#### **18. Know your Blood Pressure and Prostate Awareness Day**

JD to confirm with Boots the date Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015. JD said that this will be her last time organising this event. She felt she has done enough and that a new CSC member should organise this event in the future. Action: JD

#### **19. Nominations for Rotary Community Service Awards**

The Chairman asked for all nominations to be submitted for our next meeting in January. Action: All CSC members

## **20. EKIDS (East Kent Independent Dementia Support**

PP Geoff Goodban and PP Alastair Scott have requested that we consider donating **£250** to fund coffee and biscuits for an average of 17 dementia sufferers at a monthly memory clinic for dementia sufferers for a further year. This takes place at Kent & Canterbury Club, who do not charge for the room. PP David Naumann has been representing the committee at most of these sessions for 2 years and strongly favours a further year of support for this group. CSC Committee approved proposal.

## **21. Early Years Project**

There is an ongoing exchange of information and the Chairman offered to get quotes and SD offered to visit the centre and report at our January meeting. Action: Chairman and SD

## **22. Any Other Business**

### **St. Nicholas school zoo outing**

JD and ML offered to visit the school to see if the outing was still feasible. Action: JD and ML

## **23. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

## **POSTSCRIPT**

- 1. The Chairman proposed by a circular email 2 days after the meeting that “A grant of **£1,000** be made to Catching Lives to help with their £4,000 shortfall and enable the Night Shelters to operate at weekends during the winter period” The proposal was approved *nemine contradicente*. The cheque will be presented without delay. The President is exploring with Catching Lives their need for further funding.**
- 2. Club Safety & Protection Guidelines are now available for examination on the website in relation to Paragraph 15 above.**