

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee

8th December 2015

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), Mark Rosen (Vice Chairman), PP John Hill, PP Robin Vickers, PP Sidney Denham, , PP Harry Cragg, Marjorie Lyle, Colin McKone, Gill Dixon, Wendy Jones, Brian Wheeler, Charles Evans

Apologies: PP Andrew Barchi, David Lewis

1. Minutes of meeting held on 10th November.

2. Matters arising: None

3. Charitable Funds Available: £4,808.56

4. Alstrom Syndrome UK: No response so far to Chairman's further enquiries.

Action: The Committee decided that if Alstrom Syndrome UK has not responded to the Chairman's enquires by our next committee meeting then this item should be removed from the committee's agenda.

5. OASIS: No response so far from PP Geoff Goodban.

Action: *Chairman has asked PP Geoff Goodban again through Sharon Jordan for a response and received a very generous offer of a further 5% discount on option 2 with two outside CCTV cameras installed. An email poll of committee members showed strong support for making a donation of the full amount with only one committee member suggesting a contribution be sought from Rotary Club of Margate. Chairman has authorised payment to CrimeFighter Alarms of £780 upon completion of work on Otion 2 of their Quotation.*

6. Roper House: Support for trip to Christmas Market presented by Colin McKone

Action on Hearing Loss - Roper House Proposal

"It is proposed that we take a group of 10 of our people and 5 carers to the Reindeer centre at Bethersden in Kent TN26 3EQ. Suggested date 16th December.

The package breaks down as;

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| 1. | Hire of minibus with wheelchair access cost from Kendall's | = £224.00 |
| 2. | Petrol | = £50.00 approx. |
| 3. | Entrance fee for 5 carers @ £5.00 – people go free | = £25.00 |
| 4. | Lunch for the 15 people @ £10.00 per head | = £150.00 |
| | | Total: £459.00 |

The party will be able to see the reindeers and visit father Christmas if they want to, they will get the option to feed reindeers whilst enjoying the Christmas atmosphere. A Christmas outing lunch will break up the day for our people who tire easily.

We appreciate your interest in providing some Christmas spirit for our people. Should anyone from the Rotary like to join us on the day they would be very welcome."

Action: *Colin McKone has presented a cheque of £500 to Roper House and the date is changed to Friday 18th December and Charles Evans will represent the Club at this event*

7. Fundraising: Discussion on fundraising in support of Community Service projects to be presented by Andrew Barchi. **Action:** Apologies from Andrew as he was unwell. This item to return in the agenda for our next meeting.

8. Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution: Request for a donation in support of tools for Africa from International Chairman Robert Boyd Howell. **Action:** *The Chairman has advised the International Chairman that this reallocation of funds will be best made at the next meeting of Club Council.*

9. St. Nicholas School Kids Day Out: Report on progress by Gill Dixon. Gill reported that the best time of the year was spring to have a kids day out. **Action:** Gill said she will let the Committee know when the outing will take place.

10. John Graham Centre: Details of Christmas Event on 19th December were distributed to the club last week. Marjorie Lyle reported that she was disappointed from our Club lack of contributions for the Christmas Event raffle and that volunteers are still needed to man a stall on the day. Also the Committee is still waiting for a wish list from the Centre.

Action: Volunteers to contact Marjorie. *Chairman has invited Virginie Pinard to contact the Speakers Steward when firm ideas are available regarding the proposed Sensory Room.*

11. Catching Lives: Review on Nursing Support available to Catching Lives. Working Party needs to be set up.

Action: Working Party made up of Chairman, Robin Vickers, Wendy Jones, Gill Dixon and Ian Wright to investigate nursing support for Catching Lives. Chairman to ask the Club for sleeping bags and warm clothing.

12. Cherished Memories: Request to the Club Secretary for a donation to help support this charity designed to assist in special events for severely ill children attending hospices in the South East.

Action: *Chairman is investigating the catchment area of this charity*

13. Porchlight: To consider any action. **Action:** The Committee decided to wait on Porchlight to approach us for assistance in the meantime Brian Wheeler reported that someone from Porchlight was scheduled to speak at a future Club luncheon.

14. Stroke Awareness Day 2016: For discussion in light of message from President. "I was at a Cluster group meeting last night (Forest of Blean, Herne Bay, Sunrise, Chestfield, and Faversham) when Stroke Awareness Day (23.4.16) was discussed. Apparently somebody named Paul Tomlinson from the Stroke Association

is prepared to train Rotarians to take blood pressures. I advised strongly against doing anything without professional advice readily to hand but for many this seemed unnecessary. It was concluded that Assistant Governor Jarle Tatt from Sunrise would speak to Mr. Tomlinson and seek his guidance. I said that we would be happy to expand on our views. I await developments”.

Action: *Chairman has thanked our President for his comments but explained that the Committee felt that there is no longer a need for this service, as provision by the NHS has improved.*

15. Provision of lightweight Laptop for disabled teenager

“Hi David,

I apologise for the delay in sending these to you. Kate is so happy with her new lightweight laptop. Due to the fundraising for her new wheels going so well we were able to upgrade the laptop to a higher spec this will enable Kate to connect it to her network at school.

Kate has been taking her laptop to school on a daily basis which she just wasn't keen on doing before. It is making a huge difference to her in classes.

I have attached a couple of photo's for you to see the laptop in use, also a photo of Kate with her new wheels.

Again we thank you and your committee to the very kind donation to be able to allow us to do this for Kate.

I wish you all the very best and a very Merry Christmas.

Nikki, Graham Kate and Family.”

Action: *Chairman has obtained permission from Kate's mother to put photo's on the Club web site and an article is being prepared.*

15. AOB:

16. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2016