

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee held on 10th February 2015

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), Rtn Mark Rosen (Vice Chairman and Acting Secretary), PP John Hill, PP Robin Vickers, Rtn Andrew Barchi, Rtn Gill Dixon, Rtn Marjorie Lyle, Rtn David Lewis, Rtn Peer Le Fleming

Apologies: PP Sidney Denham, Rtn Collin McKone

1. Minutes of meeting 13 January 2015 were approved.

2. Matters arising:

3. Charitable Funds available: £875.92 (plus pledges of £250 to Try Angle Award Scheme & £450 to Cruse Bereavement Counselling). CSC members agreed that the Charitable Funds available are not enough for allocated charities. Action: Chairman to ask Club Council to release more money from the Club's Charitable Funds account.

4. Try Angle Award Scheme: A joint meeting is being arranged with Forrest of Blean Rotarians Allan Marriott and others. The KCC organiser Nigel Crocker will talk on the Try Angle Award Scheme 2015. Action: Chairman to invite Allan Marriott and Nigel Crocker to give a presentation to the CSC members. Date of presentation TBA.

5. Catching Lives: Presentation of Cheque for £1,000 was made by the Chairman and David Lewis at Station Road East on 29th January. Action: Chairman to invite Michael Bridgeford to give a talk to the Club members about Catching Lives at the 10th March Club supper meeting.

6. Prince of Wales Youth Club: Cheque for £532.35 received from District Grants Committee. Presentation of cheque for £1,064.70 was carried out at the Youth Club on the 20th January by the Chairman, Mark Rosen & Andrew Barchi. The following District Award letter and cheque was posted to our Club President Vivian Pritchard; Dear Vivian, I am pleased to inform you that your application for a District Foundation Grant has been successful and a cheque is enclosed. Please report completion of the project within two months of completion and if not completed within six months, an interim report is required. The District Grant Report Form is available from the District web site, under Foundation/Grants, or the Resources section. Final reports must account for the grant and club sponsorship so expenditure and receipt information will be required. If for any reason the project does not commence within 12 months, please return the grant to me with a covering Report. I hope all goes well with the implementation of the club project. I look forward to receiving the completion report in due course. Yours in Rotary, PDG Tony Hodges, Grants Sub Committee Chairman
Ps. enclose cheque for £532.35

Action: Mark Rosen to report to the CSC when the POW Youth Club have bought the camping equipment. Mark Rosen to ensure the District Grant Report Form and collection of expenditure receipts has been done.

7. Food Bank: Reception for Food Bank volunteers in Canterbury Cathedral Lodge on 8th February attended by Mark Rosen. CSC members approved allocation for up to £350 for another trolley dash. Action: Mark Rosen to arrange another trolley dash when Club Council release more Charitable Funds.

8. Rising Sun Domestic Violence & Abuse Service: 35 years Celebration Lunch in Westgate Hall on 12th February at 12.30. Marjorie Lyle volunteered to attend the 35 years Celebration Lunch. The Chairman and CSC members thanked Marjorie for volunteering.

9 Request from Littlebourne Scout Group: A letter is attached from Scout Leader Derek Whittaker.

Scouting, as I am sure you are aware, has been around for over 100 years and in this time it has been estimated that over 500 million people have been involved in the movement. In Littlebourne we have Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years. At present we have over 60 young people, having fun and learning skills for their future. We are delighted to have had one Scout selected to go to the World Jamboree in Japan later this year (a first for Littlebourne) and James (the selected Scout) has himself been raising money by selling toys and helping at our fund raising events. The Scout Group have also done two supermarket bag-packing sessions at which we raised over £1300, so we have now been able to raise enough for his "Scouting trip of a lifetime". Other fund raising events have been held and a further £1,000 has been raised. The Group also needs to raise some £3,000 per year for insurance, hire of hall etc. to say nothing of replacing equipment. On this subject, our Mess Tent (which the Group use for catering etc. at camps and which is also loaned out to local organisations and families) is about 30 years old and is in need of major repair (if possible) or replacement. Our present Mess Tent consists of two ends with two 10' extensions inserted, giving a tent of 34' x 14' 6" approximately. The cost of a basic replacement (i.e. the 2 ends) is £1090 but with the two extensions at £540 each, the price would be £2170. If your committee feels that they could help us in any way we would be very grateful and if you would like me to come along to a meeting to talk about this or Scouting in general, I would be delighted to do so. Thanking you in anticipation Derek B. Whittaker Group Scout Leader, Littlebourne Scout Group

CSC members asked for Derek Whittaker to give presentation to committee. Action: Chairman to invite Derek to give a presentation to the CSC members. Date of presentation TBA.

10. Safety & Protection Policies: to approve their adoption for the work of the CSC. Committee members have read and approved the Safety & Protection Policies. Action: No further action required.

11. EKIDS: Letter of thanks received for donation.

12. Nominations for Rotary Community Service Awards: Two Awards were approved , but the details remain confidential for the time being.

13. Know your Blood Pressure and Prostate Awareness Day at Boots will now take place on Saturday 25th April 2015. Sunrise Club has asked to assist us on the day and this has been agreed by the Chairman. Action: Gill Dixon to co-ordinate with the Sunrise Club on the Saturday. Gill asked for a clip board to be passed around on lunch meetings for volunteers to help on the day.

14. Sponsorship for Wheelchair Rugby: Requested by Dr Stephen Cox- *“The lady in question is called Rachel. She is in her mid 20’s and is very involved with the wheelchair rugby but is also a badminton player. She is happy for me to tell you that her medical problems are a neurological condition that affects all four limbs and is unable walk. She has sufficient upper limb power to play badminton and control the chair. Rachel lives in a flat in the centre of Canterbury. Rugby training is at the Christchurch Academy School on Sunday from 1-4 pm. The chairs we are sourcing are priced at £1250 and are very good value. Rachel has managed to contribute £750 with support of friends and is looking to find a further £500. She is currently working in an administrative post with the University but her income is low”.* Robin Vickers suggested that the Sunrise Club is already doing a fund raising dinner to help the Canterbury Rugby wheelchair club and is Rachel aware of the Sunrise Club’s help.

15. Sponsorship for triathlete Joey Davies of Rough Common; *“I am a local young triathlete aiming for global success. I have recently qualified for the Elite Triathlon Union Junior Cup races across Europe and Triathlon World Championships in Chicago. However, I am unable to afford to go to all of these events across the world. I am using a website called Talent Backer to help generate funds for these races, I have 28 days to raise £2500 and if I don’t raise the money I don’t get any of it! I would really appreciate it if you would be able to donate however big or small the donation may be! I have included the link below: <http://www.talentbacker.com/talentsviewjoey-davies> I would really appreciate it if you could help me out by donating. It is the next step in me achieving the Olympic Medal that I am after”* The CSC members agreed that the committee could not help.

16 Any Other Business

Andrew Barchi asked if the committee would approve the purchase of 10 high visibility vests for Stelling Minnis school (whose intake is largely from the Canterbury area) The reason for the request as the school have established a forest camp on the minnis (with the permission of the minis managers). The camp is some 80yds from the school. The price of each vest is aprox £12 each. Andrew asked if the committee agree that figure then he will get full details & circulate asap. They are to start the camp in March & it could take Andrew that time to organise.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2015 with a early start of 5:30.