

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee held on 12th May 2015

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), Rtn Mark Rosen (Vice Chairman and Acting Secretary), Rtn Andrew Barchi, Rtn Marjorie Lyle, Rtn Rosemarie Morton, Rtn Deborah Connolly

Apologies: PP John Hill, PP Robin Vickers, PP Sidney Denham, Rtn Gill Dixon, Rtn David Lewis, Rtn Colin McKone

1. Minutes of meeting 14th April 2015 were approved.

2. Matters arising: None

3. Charitable Funds available: £1,425

4. Try Angle Awards 2015: Our Chairman reported that the donation of £250 by us and by Forest of Blean has been made to sponsor the category of “Good Friends & Young Carers”.

5. Cruse: Our three sponsored Counsellors have started the training course necessary before setting up a group therapy session in Canterbury and the pledge of £450 has been released. Our Chairman suggested when the group therapy started that one of the Counsellors be invited to give a presentation to the Club. Action: Chairman

6. 139 Club request for help: Our Chairman suggested that the 139 Club request for help be deferred until next meeting when GD is able to attend.

From Joanna Grant: I am the CEO of a Registered Charity called The 139 Club we provide Antenatal Classes and support the families up until the children turn 21 years old. We started in Medway nearly 5 years ago and have branched out in Canterbury from October last year. We are currently running our 3rd Antenatal Course in Canterbury. We are looking for support to train one of our volunteers to be a Baby Massage Instructor which is £545 for a four day course. Baby Massage has been shown to be very beneficial for babies and parents as it helps with bonding and relaxation. I would love to show you the benefits we are seeing by building communities and providing classes and courses to supports parents on the parenting journey. Best wishes Jo

7. Committee Party 2015: AB volunteered to hold this years Committee party at his house in Stelling Minnis on Thursday 2nd July. Supper will be fish & chips from the Rose & Crown. All committee members should contact Andrew as soon as possible to let him know if they are able to attend.

8. Derek Whittaker from Littlebourne scouts gave a brief presentation to the committee of the numbers, ages, fund raising, camping events and a wish list for his scout group;

19 Beavers ages 6 to 8, 24 Cubs ages 8 to 10 ½, 19 Scouts ages 10 ½ to 14 and 5 Explorers ages 14 to 18 raised £3000 in the last 12 months through fund raising. They have a training camp in May, and a main camp in September; also every 2 years they have a survivor camp for the Explorer scouts. They have a mixture of boys and girls. They were unable to take a young person to camp as they needed a portable fridge for his medicine. They need the “Big Foot” set to stop their table legs sinking into the ground. Their wish list is;

1 Domestic RF60 3-way fridge @ £279

1 Domestic Combicool RC 2200 3-way fridge @ £249

3 Gopack folding tables large @ £103 each

2 Gopack folding tables small @ £70 each

20 Gopack “Big Foot” sets @ £6 each

1 Kampa Roast Master @ £180

1 Coleman event shelter Pro @ £170

2 Vango wind-up lanterns @ £20 each

MR proposed and AB seconded that the committee agree to donate a total of £399 to the scout group. (£279 for the 1 Dometic RF60 3-way fridge and £120 for 20 Gopack “Big Foot” sets). The committee agreed to the proposition. Action: Chairman to ask Treasurer for cheque and MR to present cheque to Littlebourne scouts.

9. Any Other Business: AB said that the high visibility Rotary Tabards for Stelling Minnis school had been purchased for £52.

ML requested that Riding for the Disabled to be put on the agenda for our next meeting to discuss a new request for a new truck rather than a hoist.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th June