

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee held on 13th October 2015

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), Rtn Mark Rosen (Vice Chairman and Acting Secretary), PP John Hill, PP Robin Vickers, PP Sidney Denham, PP Harry Cragg, Rtn Gill Dixon, Rtn Marjorie Lyle, Rtn David Lewis, Rtn Michael Leadbeater

Apologies: Rtn Colin McKone

1. Minutes of meeting 8th September 2015 were approved.

2. Matters arising: None

3. Charitable Funds available: £5,392.55

4. Mrs. Nikki Old of Aylesham addressed the Committee on behalf of her disabled fourteen year old daughter Kate who requires an upgrade on her wheelchair and on her laptop. Mrs. Old informed the Committee in detail of Kate's medical condition and that through her own fund raising she has secured only enough money for an upgrade to Kate's wheelchair and that Kate still needed a lighter lap top. SD proposed and DB seconded to donate the £600 to buy Kate a lighter laptop. The Committee agreed to the proposer. **ACTION:** Chairman to notify Mrs. Old of the Committee decision and carry out cheque presentation.

5. Try Angle Awards 2015: The Chairman has written to Forrest of Blean and the organisers of the Try Angle Award Scheme confirming our donation of £250 and participation in 2015. **ACTION:** None required

6. Waymark Trust: Letter received from new Chairman of Trustees requesting help with several projects. Dr. Vogel was due to address the committee at this meeting, but withdrew because Waymark Trust is ceasing to operate. **ACTION:** None required

7. Know your BP Day: The Chairman reports that Club Council is content with our decision to discontinue the Know Your BP Day? Prostate Awareness Day. **ACTION:** Chairman has arranged for Club members to be notified by email.

8. QEQM hospital in Margate New Bereavement Suite: The Acting Chairman has written stating that we are not able to help at this stage of such a large project. **ACTION:** None required

9. Visits to the elderly: Club Council is content with the committee decision to refer interested members to AGE UK. **ACTION:** The Chairman will report to the club at a business meeting.

10. The Young Lives Foundation (YLF): The Club Council is content with the committee suggestion that this matter should be drawn to the attention of District 1120. **ACTION:** This is in the hands of the President

11. RYLA Awards October 2015. Two 15 year old candidates from Canterbury Academy Lewis Franks & Sam Rose were interviewed on 16th September at Kent & Canterbury Club by the Chairman PP David Barton & Mark Rosen. They were given a grant of £175 each to attend the RYLA Course on 2nd October at the Arethusa Adventure Training Centre in Medway. They have agreed to give a Power Point presentation to the whole club in due course. **ACTION:** A PowerPoint presentation to the whole club will be arranged for the successful candidates. Mark

Rosen is awaiting a date from our Brian Wheeler so that only Lewis Frank can give his presentation.

12. Canterbury Food Bank: A Trolley Dash took place on 27th September at Morrisons. **ACTION:** MR reported that only our Gill Dixon, Alastair Scott and Bob and Jenny Anderson gave their support on the day of the dash. Jenny Anderson took pictures as the Canterbury Times let us down at the last minute and didn't send a photographer but between ourselves and the 2 under 18 girl rugby players and 1 Food Bank volunteer we managed to fill 4 large trolleys with food. Morrisons donated 1 shopping trolley worth £67.00. MR will be doing a sweepstake to guess the bill which will buy more food for the Food Bank. The bill for the trolley dash was £584 and the prize of a bottle of wine was given to the winner of the sweepstake to guess the bill was Sharon Jordan. The sweepstake raised another £44.00 which Mark and his wife used to buy more food for the Food Bank.

13. District Matching Grants: Once again an invitation to apply for District Matching Grants has been received. The Chairman will discuss the committee attitude to this opportunity. The Committee agreed that a matching grant could be used to help Catching Lives.

14. St. Nicholas School Kids Day Out: Report on further investigation by Gill Dixon. GD reported that she has visited the Fun Club and that children with special needs are welcome. GD has also visited St. Nicholas School and they are happy for their school children to go to the Fun Club. The Committee are in agreement to support St. Nicholas School. GD is now awaiting for a date for the day out from St. Nicholas School. **ACTION: St. Nicholas School**

15. Parkinson UK report forwarded by Colin McKone: I am forwarding this request from Parkinsons to help with their most expensive palliative activity which is highly rated by the sufferers. I would like to suggest that we consider a grant of £500 towards this specific need. We have helped them before with this treatment programme and the last grant was a year ago or more. I commend this to the Committee. The Committee agreed to donate the £500.

ACTION: Colin McKone to notify Beatrice Shire (Vice-chair Parkinson's UK Canterbury Branch) of the Committee decision and carry out cheque presentation.

16. Catching Lives: Report by Chairman following a visit to them earlier today. The Chairman, David Lewis and our President Peter Hermitage visited Catching Lives and reported that Catching Lives has three requirements:

a) They need more medical support in the way of nurses.

ACTION: Chairman to investigate how the Club can provide more medical support.

b) There is an urgent and continuing need for sleeping bags and duvets.

ACTION: The Chairman will appeal to club members to take their old sleeping bags and duvets to Catching Lives.

c). **Storage Units:** There is an urgent need for Storage Units for blankets to store the bedding for the impending cold weather service to homeless people. PP John Hill and the Chairman were delegated to investigate and proceed with this project with an estimate for a design and build from Carpenter Paul Loveday Catching Lives now only require one storage unit which is too small a project for a Matching Grant. An estimate for £400 was accepted by the appointed subcommittee and the work has been completed.

ACTION: An inspection of the finished project will be carried out next week.

17. Any Other Business: None

18. Date of next meeting: 6 pm on Tuesday 10th November