

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
Minutes of Community Service Committee
9th April 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

PP D Barton
PP J Hill
PP D Naumann
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn M Lyle
Rtn M Rosen
Rtn R Vickers

Apologies:

PP S Roe
Rtn E Abbott
Rtn S Denham
Rtn G Dixon
Rtn G Dussart
Rtn C McKone (excused attendance)

The Committee noted that Rtn D Crabtree has tendered his resignation from Rotary due to ill health and expressed thanks for his enormous contribution to the work of the Committee

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 ML confirmed that she had given oral apologies for the last meeting prior to the meeting.
- 1.2 Subject thereto, the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2013 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 Item 5.5 : TriAngle Award 20th June 2013
DB reported that the organiser of the award ceremony have now indicated they were prefer a single sponsorship of £400 rather than two sponsorships of £150 per category.

After discussion it was agreed that DB would request further information as to how the sponsorship would be spent and in particular whether it would go to a single recipient or more than one recipient or be used to cover the administrative costs of the event. The matter will then be brought back to Committee for further consideration.

- 2.2 Item 5.6 : EKIDS DN expressed concerns that the donation previously agreed for EKIDS had been put on hold and that he had not been notified that there was any problem with the award. The Committee was advised of the concerns that had been raised by GG, in summary:

- (a) that EKIDS was paying officers to undertake tasks and had purchased new equipment such as laptops; and
- (b) no accounts had yet been published

PLF advised that EKIDS was a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The registration had been completed in August 2012 and as a newly registered charity it was not yet required to file accounts. The Committee noted that EKIDS is to have an AGM on Wednesday 10th April 2013. The Committee noted the sequence of events, namely that Club Council had considered the concerns raised by GG whilst reviewing the Minutes of the Club Service Committee Meeting. Club Council agreed to review the issue at the next meeting in light of any further information then available after GG had attended the EKIDS AGM.

The Committee noted that irrespective of the merits of the concerns raised by GG, the Committee was in an invidious position having decided to award a grant and having notified the recipient that the grant would be awarded and presented at a Club Meeting in March which had then been postponed following DB's agreement with GG to place the matter on hold.

After discussion, the Committee resolved that unless any concerns identified by GG in relation to the conduct of the EKIDS are at the serious end of the spectrum that DB would have delegated authority to confirm the award previously approved by the Committee. The Committee expressed the view that whilst paying officers of the charity and spending money on acquiring new equipment is to be deprecated that would not of itself be sufficient to cancel the award given that the award had been notified to the intended recipient and the adverse effect that a cancellation of the award (other than for very good reason) would have. DB reported that he had intended to advise DN of the circumstances but had not done so due to an email failure.

The Committee agreed that there were lessons to be learnt from the episode as to the scrutiny that the Committee might wish to give to an application – particularly for new or unknown charities – before an award is made.

3. Nominations for Rotary Community Service Recognition Awards

- 3.1 PP V Banks addressed the Committee to propose Derek Fowler, Chairman of Canterbury and District Recorder, for a Rotary Community Service recognition award. The proposal was agreed unanimously.
- 3.2 PP J Hill addressed the Committee to propose Ellie Goulding, founder and conductor the Mustard Seed Singers, for a Rotary Community Service recognition award. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

DB to advise A Scott, Chair of the Awards Committee, and the President, in respect of the awards. Arrangements should be made for the awards to be presented to the recipients. The proposers are to present each of their nominees when receiving the award.

4. Funds Available

£1,017.58 unallocated. The Committee expects further allocations shortly.

5. Matters of Report to be taken as Read

5.1 The Canterbury Samaritans were presented with a cheque for £500 at the Club Meeting on 26th March 2013.

5.2 New arrangements for presentation of cheques. Presentations will not now be routinely made at Club Meetings but at a Committee Meeting or a meeting of the organisation involved or by post. There is no budget for free meals at Club Meetings for recipients receiving a grant presentation unless there is some close connection with the Club.

6. Food Bank

The Committee noted the comprehensive report prepared and submitted by C McK. The Committee formally recorded its thanks to C McK for the work undertaken in the preparation of that report and for his contributions to the work of the Committee generally. MR confirmed that he would see Mrs Chrissie Barr to introduce himself and to expand on the work already undertaken by C McK. The Committee confirmed that it wished to assist with the food bank in principle but would like Mrs Barr to either address the Committee or the Club to explain in more detail the need for the Canterbury Food Bank and the work of the organisation.

7. Age UK

Item adjourned to next meeting.

8. Know your Blood Pressure Day : 20th April 2013

The Committee noted that the event would be attended by Julian Brazler MP and the Sherriff of Canterbury. DN confirmed that he had details of the four nurses who would attend the event and had downloaded pages from the Stroke Association manual to be made available to the nurses.

9. Kids Out Day : Monday 10th June 2013

ML reported on the organisation of the event. Gill D will liaise with the wildlife park. ML will liaise with St Nicholas School. It is anticipated that ten children from the school and nine carers plus Rotarians will attend the event assembling at the wildlife park at 10.30am. A date for a preliminary meeting will be rearranged by ML. DN will liaise with King's School regarding arrangements for lunches and to ascertain whether any volunteers from King's School will attend.

10. Demelza House

ML reported on her visit to Demelza House together with Gill D and DB. The Committee confirmed a grant of £200 for a treasure chest previously approved in principle. The Committee considered the wish list of the

Demelza House Wish List 2012/13 and agreed in principle that it would wish to support the purchase of a syringe driver for pain control. The cost of the driver is £1,000. The Committee would consider sharing the cost of that acquisition with RC Herne Bay as a member of that Clubb attending the Demelza House event had mentioned that they would consider making a joint award. DB will contact RC Herne Bay initially to see whether it would be prepared to consider a joint award for the acquisition of a syringe driver at a cost of £500 to each Club.

11. SSAFA

The Committee noted the request for support for SSAFA. PLF to write to Jerry Bartlett to invite him to address the Committee as to the work of SSAFA and the need for local support.

12. AOB

DB will not be present at the next meeting. PLF agreed to chair the meeting on a one-off basis.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2013 at Kent County Cricket Ground at 6.00pm.