

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

Rtn P Le Fleming (Chairman)
PP D Naumann
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn G Dixon
Rtn G Dussart
Rtn M Lyle
Rtn M Rosen

Apologies:

PP D Barton
PP J Hill
PP S Roe
Rtn E Abbott
Rtn S Denham
Rtn L Norris
Rtn R Vickers
Rtn C McKone (excused attendance)

1. Presentation re the Canterbury Food Bank by Chrissie Barr introduced by MR

The Canterbury Food Bank is a Christian project set up by a group of local churches and run by volunteers. It aims to provide emergency food supplies to cover a short term crisis. It works by referral from a number of local agencies which issue vouchers which can be redeemed for food parcels.

Food supplies comprise tinned and packaged foods which are sorted and packed and stored according to date.

Food parcels contain food items for up to three days.

The current warehouse is now well stocked with food which has been built up over some months. The CFB has to vacate the premises by 2nd June 2013. There are food distribution centres in Canterbury (Mondays and Fridays) and Whitstable (Fridays). Food distributions centres for Herne Bay are also being arranged.

The immediate help needed by the organisation is

- (a) for donations of food;
- (b) for volunteers; and

- (c) for financial donations to cover:
 - i. rent for new premises; and
 - ii. cost of a van.

The CFB has identified suitable storage premises at the Barton Industrial site comprising 1,000 square feet. The site has adequate security. The annual rent is £4,700 per annum. The CFB needs a van to move food parcels to and from the warehouse to distribution centres.

The CFB is proposing to incorporate as a charity and has a volunteer who is a fundraiser.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April 2013

- 2.1 Item 10 : Demelza House
The visit to Demelza House was made by ML and Gill D and the President – not DB.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th April 2013

- 3.1 Item 5.1
Amend “on” to “an” re “*an honourable way out*”
- 3.2 Item 5.2
Add that DN proposed that there should be a representative of the RC Canterbury at each of the Memory Cafe Meetings sponsored the Club for the next ten months. DN volunteered to arrange a suitable rota.

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 Minutes of Meeting 29th April 2013 - Item 6
DN reported that he had received a layout of a plaque to be displayed at the Memory Cafe Meetings. DN will liaise with GG regarding arrangements for the plaque to be made up.

5. Funds Available

The Committee noted current funds available totalling £1,965.

6. Matters of Report

Matters of report taken as read:

- a. The Canterbury Samaritans were sent a cheque for £360, which were the proceeds of Sailor Ted. A further letter of thanks has been received.
- b. Demelza House was presented with £200 for the “Treasure Chest” at the Opening Ceremony of the new the playground by the President & Gill Dixon.
- c. Demelza House request £1000 for syringe driver for terminal care. The Chairman has contacted Herne Bay Rotary Club to propose collaboration.
- d. Rotary Community Service Recognition Awards to Derek Fowler of Canterbury & District Recorder and Eleanor Caldon of the Mustard Seed

Singers will be presented at a club meeting. The Chairman is hoping to arrange this at the evening meeting on 11th June.

7. Age UK

Georges D reported on his enquiries of Age UK regarding the need for support for singing classes in Canterbury. Age UK have made all appropriate enquiries. There is no ongoing role requiring Rotary assistance. Age UK will approach RC Canterbury should they require assistance in the future.

8. TriAngle Awards

The Committee considered the terms of the TriAngle Awards letter of 9th May 2013 and agreed to confirm its earlier decision to make an award of £300 for the "Good Friends and Young Carers" category with the intention that the award be split between:

- (a) the young person qualifying as a "Good Friend"; and
- (b) the young person qualifying as a "Young Carer".

The Committee understood that the award was to support the evening but recommended that a rider should be added in communications with the TriAngle Awards organisers that the Club would like to know specifically how the money has been spent and further that if the winners of the categories do not receive a cash reward, whether the organisers would consider making a modest cash award to the winners of the categories. The Committee noted that DB will attend the presentation ceremony.

9. Know your Blood Pressure Day

The Committee noted the success of the day. Gill D has written on behalf of the Club to both Boots and Whitefriars to thank them for their assistance. DN has thanked the nurses involved on the day. The Committee considered that notwithstanding the decline in numbers over the past few years, it is still a worthwhile event. Furthermore, the Club has an opportunity to set up information promoting both the "Know you Blood Pressure Day" and Rotary's involvement a week prior to the event. The Committee expressed the hope that next year the Club would take advantage of that facility.

10. Kids Out Day

ML reported that the arrangements for the day are in hand. There will be a preliminary visit to meet the children at St Nicholas School at 2.00pm on Monday 20th May 2013. The Kids Out Day will take place on 10th June 2013. It is anticipated that ten children from St Nicholas School will attend together with nine carers and five attending from King's School Canterbury. Gill D, DB and ML will attend on behalf of the Club.

11. Steppingstones Nursery Project

ML reported that the Steppingstones Nursery is experiencing great difficulty in fundraising. It has raised £550 towards the total required of £10,000 to provide a suitable outdoor facility at St Mary's Bredin's Church.

The Committee expressed some concern that the funding target was beyond the resources of the Steppingstones Nursery Project. The Committee decided to confirm the offer previously made to provide £500 as a matching grant to funds raised by the Steppingstones Nursery Project provided that the target is reached. The offer will remain open for twelve months. If the Steppingstones Nursery Project conclude that it will not be possible to raise the funds required, they can approach the Club again should they require funds for other projects. The Committee suggested that the Steppingstones Nursery Project consider alternative options such as gazebos whilst noting the difficulties that there may be over "*health and safety*" requirements.

12. Greenbanks

Item adjourned to next meeting.

13. End of Year CSC Party

The Committee noted the Chairman's offer to host a fish and chip supper and resolved to invite the Chairman to fix a suitable date.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Canterbury Food Bank

The Committee discussed the presentation that Chrissie Barr had given earlier. The Committee was sympathetic to the project but after discussions concluded that it would not be appropriate for the Committee to underwrite rental obligations for the organisation. The Committee agreed in principle that it could offer £500 towards the cost of the van provided that the necessary remaining funds are raised by the organisation. MR will liaise with LN to investigate the possibility of applying to District for a matched funding grant for the project. The item can be considered further at the next Committee Meeting.

14.2 DN reported that the Black Prince Cycle Ride by the RC Princes Risborough has now been accommodated with suitable car parking for 9th June 2013 and the opportunity for the riders to be photographed at the Black Prince's Tomb in the Cathedral at 5.00pm that day.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th June 2013 at the Kent & Canterbury Cricket Ground at 6.00pm