

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
Minutes of Community Service Committee
8th January 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

PP D Barton
PP J Hill
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn G Dixon
Rtn G Dussart
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn M Lyle
Rtn C McKone
Rtn L Norris
Rtn R Vickers

Apologies:

PP D Naumann
PP S Roe
Rtn E Abbott
Rtn D Crabtree
Rtn S Denham

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2012 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

None, save as appear as agenda items.

3. Funds Available

Unallocated funds amount to £2,644.58.

4. Matters of Report

Matters of Report to be taken as read (as per agenda)

- a. East Kent Railway Trust donation of £500 presentation at Club Meeting.
- b. Waymark Trust – Letter of thanks received
- c. Rising Sun Women's Refuge - £500 cheque sent 30 November. By Peer Le Fleming
- d. Archbishop's School Prize – Prize discontinued- letter sent PP John Hill
- e. Bridge Football Club – Not to be supported - letter sent PP John Hill
- f. Joannah Waller – support not within our terms of reference. Letter sent by Chairman
- g. St Nicholas School – Donation £600 given – Adventure holiday now in Ardres not Ardeche. Photo-opportunity in New Year when staff address the Club.

- h. D of E Gold Expedition to Finland – Investigated by Andrew Barchi and not suitable for support.
- i. John Graham Centre – Carol Service with percussion on 14th December attended by Marjorie Lyle, Roger Bickerton & David Barton. Article submitted to Kentish Gazette unsuccessfully.
- j. Council Minutes 27 November 2012 – paragraph 6 – Chairman.

5. Resolution to be submitted to Club Council re Allocation of Charitable Funds

The Committee discussed the draft Resolution circulated with the agenda. There was general consensus that in principle the division of charitable funds between the International Committee and the Community Service Committee should be on a 50/50 basis. The Committee accepted the suggestion that Club Council should determine the proportion of the allocation of funds between the Committees without the requirement for a formal EGM (at this stage) for members to determine the allocation of funds between the Committees.

The Committee also agreed:

- (a) That there should be the ability for the Committee to carry forward a reasonable proportion (to be determined) of allocated funds from one Rotary year to the next Rotary year
 - (i) To enable the Committee to fund a particular project over more than one Rotary year
 - (ii) To avoid the Committee simply spending allocated funds to meet the deadline of the end of a Rotary year. The Committee was concerned to ensure that funds should only be carried over for one Rotary year to avoid charitable funds simply being accumulated.
- (b) Club Council should review the allocation of funds between the Committees approximately nine months into the Rotary year and have the ability to adjust the allocation of funds between the Committees should one Committee then be under-spent or should a Committee have a particular project which would require priority funding.

PLF to draft revised Resolution to be submitted to Club Council (copy annexed).

6. Rotary Foundation District Grants

Item adjourned as LN still making enquiries of District as to eligibility for District grants.

7. Greenbanks

Item adjourned to allow JH to make further enquiries about Greenbanks.

8. District Young Musician 2013

The Committee noted that the District has a Committee specifically for young people – the Youth Prime Committee – which covers:

- (a) Youth opportunities with a wide range of activities for young people to become involved with.
- (b) Youth exchange programmes.
- (c) RYLA.
- (d) InterAct
- (e) Rotaract.
- (f) Youth competitions.

The Young Musician Competition is one of a number of youth competitions including Young Chef, Young Writer, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Youth Speaks, Young Technologist, and Young Artist.

The Committee felt that the Youth Competitions should be referred to the Vocational Service Committee as falling more nearly within its remit. If the Vocational Service Committee wished to pursue any of the Youth Competitions then Club Council would have to allocate a suitable budget. Some members of the Committee expressed the view that there were sufficient musical competitions in Canterbury and that it might be more appropriate to support other Youth Competitions. The Committee agreed to continue with responsibility for sponsoring young people to attend RYLA courses and to sponsor the TriAngle awards from the Community Service Committee budget.

9. Porchlight

The Committee noted the Christmas collection raised £393.75 for Porchlight. The Committee resolved to make up that sum to £1,000 with a grant of £606.25 (subject to Council's formal approval). The grant is to contribute to the cost of refurbishing 16 bedsitting rooms at Porchlight premises at 106 Whitstable Road, Canterbury.

10. Demelza

G Dixon reported on her visit to Demelza House and circulated details about Demelza House and the Demelza House 'Wish List 2012/13'. The Committee was sympathetic to making a grant to Demelza House. The item was adjourned to the CSC Meeting in March 2013 to allow Committee members to attend the Rotary Club Evening for the Kent Hospice on 21st February 2013 and to make recommendations to the Committee re grants and the Demelza House Wish List.

11. Citizens Advice Bureau

The Committee approved a proposal to contribute a grant of £1,000 to the Canterbury Citizen's Advice Bureau specifically towards the cost of training additional CAB volunteer advisers in debt and welfare benefits in view of

reduced funding from Canterbury City Council and the cut in the Legal Aid Scheme. The Grant is subject to the Council's formal approval.

12. Prostate Awareness Day

The Committee agreed in principle to support a Prostate Awareness Day in September 2013. G Dixon volunteered to organise the event. The item was adjourned to the next meeting for further consideration. The Speaker at the Club Meeting on 29th January 2013 is Ben Eddy, a consultant surgeon, dealing with prostate cancer.

13. Know your Blood Pressure Day

G Dixon to make further enquiries re a suitable date for 'Know your Blood Pressure Day'. The Committee preferred a date later rather than earlier in April 2013. Item adjourned to next meeting for further consideration.

14. RYLA

The Committee noted that there are courses in April and October each year. JH will write to schools, youth groups, scouts, etc, seeking nominations for attenders at one of the courses. PLF to email JH with details of the District Youth Prime Committee.

15. Kidz Out Day

The Committee agreed in principle to support a further Kidz Out Day for the children at St Nicholas School. G Dixon will liaise with DC and organise the event this year. DB, JH and ML will assist with the day. Other members of the Committee may also assist depending on availability and requirements.

16. Any Other Business

(a) There will be a presentation of the grant cheque to the East Kent Railway Trust on 22nd January 2013.

(b) Kent Autistic Trust

The Committee resolved to leave matters in abeyance. If the KAT approached the Committee again for support, the matter will be reconsidered.

(c) Press Coverage

ML reported on members' attendance at the John Graham Carol Concert and noted that an article submitted to the Press had not been published by the Gazette. C McK reported on the Parkinson's Society Carol Concert and noted that a small report had been published in the Press but a month after the event. JH noted that Chris Davy, a photographer on the Gazette and member of the RC Whitstable, advised that on occasions he has difficulty in getting articles accepted for publication. The reporter Sian Napier may be sympathetic but the issue is having articles accepted by the newspapers' editors.

Overall the Committee expressed serious concern at the lack of Press coverage. The Committee felt that it would be essential to have a dedicated Press Officer in the Publicity Committee which would help the Club meet its charitable objectives.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th February 2013 at Kent County Cricket Ground at 6.00pm.

**Draft Resolution
to be submitted to Club Council January 2013**

1. At the start of each Rotary Year Club Council should allocate the whole of the unallocated funds in the Charity Account, less a prudent reserve, to the Community Service Committee and the International Committee in proportions to be determined by Club Council in each Rotary Year.
2. Club Council should review the allocation of funds between the Committees approximately nine months into the Rotary year and have the ability to adjust the allocation of funds between the Committees as necessary.
3. The Community Service Committee and the International Committee be granted authority:
 - (a) To spend all the allocated funds in the Rotary Year of allocation subject to (b) below;
 - (b) To carry forward for one Rotary Year only an amount of the allocated funds approved by Club Council ;
 - (c) To make individual grants from the allocated funds of up to £1,000 without requiring approval of Club Council. Individual grants in excess of £1,000 will continue to require approval of Club Council.