

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2014

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

PP D Barton (Chair)
PP J Hill
PP Rtn D Lewis
PP D Naumann
PP R Vickers
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn G Dixon
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn C McKone
Rtn M Rosen

Apologies:

PP S Denham
Rtn M Lyle
Rtn L Norris

Preliminary

PP Tim Brett introduced Joey Wicks from the Prince of Wales Youth Club. Joey Wicks gave an interesting presentation on the activities of the Youth Club and its need for funding. The Committee resolved to send three members to visit the Club and report back on the Club's activities (and any project which might qualify for matched funding). AB, Gill D and MR to report to the next meeting.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2014

Approved.

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 MR requested clarification of the Club's criteria for making grants in light of the decision at the last meeting not to support the Labrador Rescue Kent charity. The consensus was that the Club should support charities to support people and not purely animals and that it was a matter of prioritising limited funds. The Committee resolved to adopt a policy not to support purely animal charities.
- 2.2 DN reported on the TriAngle Awards Ceremony 2014. The Committee agreed a proposal to make an award of £250 to support the event by provision and engraving of 24 Perspex triangle trophies.

3. Uncommitted Funds Available

The Committee noted that £2,767 is available (plus £250 pledged to the Chartham Youth Club).

4. Matters of Report

A letter of thanks had been received from Steppingstones Nursery in respect of the grant of £500. Marjorie Lyle will attend the opening ceremony.

5. RYLA Course : 4th to 6th April 2014

MR reported on the recent RYLA course attended by Hamish Stewart. Hamish will be invited to address a CSC Meeting to feed back his experiences on the course. MR to organise.

6. Know Your Blood Pressure and Prostate Awareness Day : 5th April 2014

Gill Dixon reported that the event had gone well. Over 130 people had had their blood pressure taken of which 74 needed no further action, 48 were advised to seek routine follow up within one month, 4 were advised to seek urgent follow up within one week and 4 were advised to seek very urgent follow up immediately. Over 140 prostate leaflets had been handed out. Although the event had been quiet in the afternoon, Gill Dixon concluded that it was successful. There was discussion as to whether there should be two events for KYBP and Prostate Awareness separately. Gill Dixon stated that there were advantages in both issues being addressed on the same day for getting volunteers.

Gill Dixon volunteered to organise the event for 2015 when the KYBP Day had been set.

The Committee recorded its appreciation for Gill Dixon for organising the event recognising that it is a major task.

7. Catching Lives

The Committee noted that Catching Lives is the selected local charity for the 2014 Sainsbury's Collection. There is an issue as to the quality of advertising material available which needs to be improved.

8. EKIDS

DN reported that he had been attending most of the meetings of the EKIDS Memory Cafe which takes place in the Kent & Canterbury Club. DN read out a letter of thanks received from EKIDS for a grant to secure the room hire fees at the Kent & Canterbury Club for the next year.

The Committee recorded its thanks to David Naumann for his work in relation to EKIDS. The Committee noted that the Kent Dementia Action Alliance was to have an Open Day on 24th April 2014 at Augustine House.

9. Request for a Grant for Post Graduate Study by Chelsey Porter

The Committee concluded that the request for information and funding did not fall within the Community Service Committee criteria.

10. Request for a Grant to attend a Music Theatre Course from Becky Turner-Knowles

The Committee concluded that the request for grant funding did not fall within the Community Service Committee criteria.

11. Age UK

DN noted that the approach of Adrian Bawtrey (Singing for your Life) and Judith Ayris (Signing for your Mind) reflected differing points of view of resourcing singing sessions for people with dementia. DN read out a letter of appreciation from Judith Ayris for a grant made at the lunchtime meeting on 18th March 2014.

12. Cobbes Meadow Group Riding for the Disabled

Gill Dixon put forward a request on behalf of Marjorie Lyle to provide a grant of £500 to Cobbes Meadow Riding Group provided that the group raises the balance of funds required for a trailer. The Committee concluded that there was a need for clarification of what precisely the Cobbes Meadow Group intended to acquire. The matter would be reconsidered at the next meeting.

13. Kids Day Out : 4th June 2014

Gill Dixon confirmed that St Nicholas School were keen for there to be a further Kids Day Out this year. The organisation of the event is in hand. Twelve children will attend with eight or nine staff attending. The Club will provide at least three members to attend and it is hoped that three or four will attend from King's School. DN, ML and DL will all assist. DB will assist if available.

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 JH reported that he had had contact from Tigan Atkins' mother expressing thanks for a recent grant made to Tigan and confirming that a letter of thanks from Tigan would be received but noting that it had not been received to date.
- 14.2 A letter of thanks had been received from Greenhill Gymnastics Club for a recent grant. There is a picture on the Club website.
- 14.3 A letter of thanks had been received from Mustard Seed for a recent grant.
- 14.4 DN raised a request for a further grant to assist Aurora Mears towards the acquisition of hockey goal keeping equipment (shoes, pelvic protector and straps) as she has been invited to attend Peel University for a season. She will receive support with her living accommodation and ancillary costs but no support with regard to her equipment. The Committee resolved to contribute £144 to cover the cost of all three items. If Aurora Mears is available to attend the next lunch meeting, a cheque will be handed to her then failing which DN will make the cheque available to her.
- 14.5 DN noted that despite previous support for Waymark Counselling Services from the Committee, the Committee had received no further information (see Minutes October 2013). PLF is to write to Waymark Counselling Services to remind them of the request that the Committee had made when awarding the grant that the Committee be informed of how the Grant had been utilised and also be given a progress report in the new year.
- 14.6 CMcK raised the question of a trolley race at Asda. MR had not been able to research the event. The item will be brought back at a later meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

11th May 2014 at 6.00pm