

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 10th December 2013

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

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

Apologies:

PP D Barton
Rtn S Denham

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November 2013

Correction – Item 8
DB and not DN declared an interest in the item.

Subject thereto the minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising

Item 6

AB reported that he had been contacted by Christopher Sims of Chartham Youth Club who said that the Youth Club would not need the grant of £250 immediately and would prefer to accept the grant as a pledge to cover planned activity in the school summer holidays next year. The Committee agreed to hold the sum previously awarded to the Chartham Youth Club as a pledge until July 2014 when the sum can be used to take members of the Chartham Youth Club on a day out.

Item 11(a)

DN queried what arrangements had been made for gifts to be made to Rotary widows. The enquiry was referred to the Club Service Committee dealing with the arrangements.

3. Funds Available

The Committee noted that funds of £2,423 are available with £1,750 pledged to Steppingstones Nursery, the Charity Food Bank and Chartham Youth Club.

4. Matters of Report taken as read

(a) Waymark Trust

The Committee noted that a letter of thanks for donation had now been received from Waymark Trust.

5. Rising Sun

PLF reported that after the last Committee Meeting he had received information from Helly Langley of the Rising Sun about counselling sessions provided by the Rising Sun for young people (both boys and girls) intended to help break the cycle of domestic abuse both for potential victims and potential abusers. PLF had presented a cheque for £500 to Helly Langley who offered thanks to the Committee. The Rising Sun will write formally to thank the Committee for the grant.

6. Aurora Mears

DN reported that he had seen Aurora Mears. DN has been in touch with Jeff Matthews (who supplies Rotary regalia) with a view to obtaining a Rotary logo of suitable size to be fixed to the hockey helmet which AM will purchase with the Rotary grant. JH noted for future reference that he had a number of Rotary transfers of different sizes.

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

MR reported that he had now written to the schools on the list provided by DB. As yet he has had no response. MR has also been in touch with Mike Hamilton of the Youth Challenge Group Stelling Minnis whose young people undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. MR has advised Mike Hamilton that the Club can sponsor up to a maximum of four places on the April course.

The Committee noted that on some previous occasions only two candidates had been sponsored for a course. As four places were available, the Committee agreed that it would be prepared to sponsor up to four places at £175 per place. MR will also circulate details of the courses to local scout groups.

The Committee will review the applications for a place on the course at both the January 2014 and February 2014 Committee Meetings with a view to the Committee (or delegated members) making a selection from applicants in February 2014.

**8. Know Your Blood Pressure Day / Prostate Awareness Day
Saturday 5th April 2014**

The Committee noted that the Lord Mayor's attendance had been booked for the event on 5th April 2014.

DN reported on an event held by the Hailsham Rotary Club in which a Know Your Blood Pressure Day had been held in conjunction with Prostate Awareness. The Committee noted the need for more leaflets on Prostate Awareness to be made available. Gill D will book the venue in the New Year and will make enquiries of Robin Hendy for the date to be put on the Club website.

Gill D will start to bring the date to the attention of members of Club Meetings from January onwards and will circulate a board for volunteers in due course.

The Committee approved in principle the decision to hold the Prostate Awareness event on the same day as the Know Your Blood Pressure Day. The additional work for volunteers would probably focus on distributing leaflets for the attention of members of the public

regarding Prostate Awareness at the same time as inviting them to have their blood pressure checked. Gill D will liaise with DN over the arrangements.

9. Canterbury Food Bank

The Committee noted that Canterbury Food Bank have been offered a suitable second hand van by Paul Barrett for £10,000 (inclusive of VAT). The Canterbury Food Bank have a pledge of £5,000 from RC Canterbury Sunrise and a pledge of £1,000 from our Club. The Canterbury Food Bank reported that they had matched the pledge offered by our Club leaving a shortfall between the cost of the van and identified funds of £3,000. MR will make enquiries of Canterbury Food Bank as to whether they have funds for that shortfall. If the Canterbury Food Bank do not have funds for the shortfall, the Committee authorised an additional grant of £500 on a matched funding basis towards the cost of the van. The additional grant to be made in the Chairman's discretion.

The Committee noted that the offer of a van for the Canterbury Food Bank seemed to be ideal for their needs.

The Committee discussed the food contributions of the Club. As very few food contributions suitable for Christmas food parcels had been received, the Committee authorised MR to requisition £100 specifically to purchase items suitable for Christmas food parcels to be made available to the Canterbury Food Bank at the next Club Meeting on 17th December 2013.

The Committee discussed arrangements to improve the food contributions using the collection bin at Club Meetings. MR will address the Club on the issue .

MR will liaise with DB over arrangements for Chrissie Barr of Food Bank to attend the Club Meeting on 17th December 2013 to receive the cheque pledged towards the cost of the van.

The Committee will review the other food contributions made by the Club in January with a view to matching contributions made by the Club up to the limit of £250 previously approved (12th November 2013).

10. Any Other Business

- (a) DN raised the issue of the Catching Lives organisation. Members noted that the organisation had been in serious financial difficulties previously. DN reported that Catching Lives had been mentioned on a number of occasions as being the recipient of donations at events where he had been present.
- (b) 4 x 4 volunteers. DN brought to the attention of the Committee the "Heroes in the Community" organisation in which members owning 4 x 4 vehicles could volunteer to go on a rota to drive members of the public to medical appointments or to drive district nurses to appointments, etc. The Committee noted that the RC Canterbury Sunrise was involved in organising the rota. PLF will bring the rota to the attention of the Club and circulate members by email.
- (c) CMcK reported on the mobile chemotherapy unit in which he had received treatment. His feedback was that it was a good and positive experience which endorsed the Committee's decision to support the mobile units which are now in operation.

11. Date of Next Meeting

14th January 2014.