

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Community Service Committee for the meeting
held on July 8th 2014

Attendance and Apologies

Present: C. McKone (Acting Chair, Acting Secretary), J. Hill, A. Barchi, P. Le Fleming, M. Lyle, S. Denham, M. Rosen, R. Vickers.

Apologies: D. Barton (Chairman), G. Dixon. D. West

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2014

Minutes of the meeting were approved

2. Matters Arising

Marjorie Lyle reported on her attendance at the TryAngle awards with Gill and Mark. The Acting Chairman thanked them for representing the Committee.

3. Charity funds available: £980 and further £1000 anticipated from Council (tbc)

4. Allocation and Distribution of Vouchers for Billy Smart's Circus.

It was announced that Billy Smart had allocated up to 100 tickets for the Rotary Club to donate to community organisations. After reviewing the options it was agreed that 24 tickets (in batches of 4 seats) would be donated to **Women's Refuge** (Peer Le Fleming), 24 to **St. Johns C of E Primary School** (based on a suggestion by Rtn. David Naumann). 24 tickets to **Food Bank** families (Mark Rosen) and 24 to **Homestart Canterbury** (on a suggestion by Pauline Pritchard of Inner Wheel).

5. Review of Community Service TOR for the Club Assembly

A short discussion took place and members confirmed that our emphasis would remain on grant assistance to deserving people (including individual young people) and causes within local Community organisations, local-based charities, and youth organisations. It was felt that the Committee had more than fulfilled these objectives in our work during the last year and intended to follow the same pattern in the future.

6. TryAngle awards – no further information.

7. The Committee recorded a vote of thanks to John and Joan Hill who so kindly hosted the end of year CSC party.

8. Mark Rosen gave a report on the **Trolley Dash** which he organised at Morrisons supermarket. In total the cost to the Rotary Club amounted to £311 and Morrisons donated £40. This resulted in a CSC donation of £311 to The Food Bank making a total sum of £351. A very helpful report and pictures of the event appeared in last week's copy of the local Canterbury Times. The committee thanked Mark for all the work he has done to organise this successful event. Mark said that Sainsburys had agreed to host a Trolley dash for the Food Bank later in the year.

9. The Chairman reported (in the agenda) that he has been in touch with Valerie Alabaster of **Cruse Bereavement** who is most grateful for the pledge of £450 to be used for training 3 Counsellors in the Autumn

10. **Hi Kent** – the Chairman reported (in the agenda) that John Clayton had suggested 2 possible local projects which we could support;

a) General updating of the Shop in Northgate with improved window displays and signage provisionally costing £1500 or/

b) Funding of a partially qualified deaf member of staff who wishes to further her career by qualifying as a teacher of Sign Language, cost £600. The Committee agreed to offer £300 towards the cost of Training with a possible further £300 in the autumn when our available funding position should be clearer.

11. AOB

a) Colin McKone reported that following his visit to Roper House (**Action in Hearing Loss**) Laura Kennedy had sent a wish list that included support for resident's **Day Trips**, support for a resident to have a **holiday** £500, support for resident's Christmas presents, A ride-on **Lawnmower** for £350, **Materials** for the established Art Room which has been very successful and popular with residents and finally support for the **Summer BBQ** to provide garden furniture and professional entertainment.

Andrew Barchi proposed that we support the cost of materials £400 for the **Art Room** which was very popular with the residents and which constantly required expenditure for materials that are used for the different sorts of artistic expression. Agreed unanimously.

b) Mark Rosen proposed that we try and recruit more members for the Committee, (currently 12 members). He particularly felt that younger members able to take a more pro-active part with organisations would be helpful. Colin McKone said there was a risk that with too many members meetings would be longer and agreement more difficult. However the need for younger members needed further discussion.

Date of Next meeting : The Act. Chairman proposed that the next meeting should be on September 9th allowing a summer recess in August as per last year. In the event of urgent requests the Chairman could e-mail/telephone members for their support or otherwise. Agreed unanimously.

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