

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Community Service Committee Meeting held on 9th September 2014

Attendance and Apologies

Present:

PP D Barton (Chair)
PP J Hill
PP R Vickers
Rtn C McKone
Rtn M Rosen
Rtn P Le Fleming
Rtn D Lewis
Rtn M Lyle

Observing:

Deborah Connolly

Apologies:

PP S Denham
Rtn A Barchi
Rtn G Dixon

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2014

The Minutes of the meeting were approved.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Funds Available

The Committee noted that the funds available totalled £3,274.49 less pledges made of £450 to CRUSE and £300 to HiKent.

4. Distribution of Free Tickets for Billy Smart's Circus

The Committee noted the distribution of 100 free vouchers for Billy Smart's Circus on 24th and 25th July 2014 as follows:

24 tickets	St John's Church of England Primary School
28 tickets	The residents of Roper House and their carers (Action for Hearing Loss)
12 tickets	The Women's Refuge
12 tickets	Home Start
16 tickets	Time Out – Canterbury
5 tickets	The Salvation Army

5. HiKent

The Committee agreed to increase the pledge from £300 to £600 to fully fund the training of a deaf member of staff. DB to notify HiKent.

Subsequently, David Barton arranged with the Chief Executive of HiKent to make a presentation to the severely deaf staff member at a club meeting with suitable publicity.

6. Club BBQ and Coconut Shy Equipment

The equipment is available to lend to other organisations to enable such organisations to fundraise money for themselves. The equipment will be kept at Bretts. AB to write a note and contact details to be placed on the Club's website.

7. Porchlight

The Committee will arrange for a member of Porchlight to address the Club.

8. Prince of Wales Youth Club

The Committee noted the "Wish List" of items for the Prince of Wales Youth Club totalling £1,700. AB will make available a food mixer subject to having a PAT test. The Committee noted the offer by RC Canterbury Sunrise to meet one-half of the total cost with RC Canterbury to meet the other half. The Committee were sympathetic in principle but agreed to request costings and then reconsider at the next meeting.

Following the meeting an email decision was made by the committee to apply for a District Grant for the camping equipment. Mark Rosen is to be congratulated in completing the District Grant Application procedures for a total sum of £1,021 including the matching grant in collaboration with Andrew Barchi and PP Mike Talbot a Trustee of P of W Youth Club.

9. Chartham Youth Club

Adjourned in AB's absence.

10. Parkinson's UK

The Committee considered the request by Parkinson's UK for a second year of funding towards the hydrotherapy sessions. The Committee approved a further grant of £500 to fund 10 weeks of hydrotherapy sessions. The Committee noted the principle that grants are not usually made available for long term funding commitments.

The Committee approved a grant of £450 to the Skylarks Therapeutic Singing Group to pay the annual rent charged by Christchurch University for the hire of a suitable room.

11. Home Start

The Committee approved a grant of £175 towards the cost of repairing the floor of the kitchen in the old Chaucer School used by Home Start.

12. Documentation of Charitable Donations

The Committee noted the need for there to be an audit trail available to the Club Treasurer in respect of grants made by the Committee. The Treasurer is content to accept the approved Minutes as a suitable authority and audit trail.

13. Riding for the Disabled

ML provided an update report in respect of Riding for the Disabled. The Committee had previously pledged £500 to be used by Riding for the Disabled to acquire a trailer. Riding for the Disabled are no longer going to pursue the acquisition of a trailer. The Committee approved the transfer of the grant so that it should be available to Riding for the Disabled towards the funding of a hoist to raise wheelchairs to a driving carriage. The grant is subject to Riding for the Disabled raising the balance of the estimated cost of £2,000.

14. RYLA

The Committee agreed the proposal to fund two candidates for the April 2015 RYLA course.

15. Any Other Business

14.1 CMcK circulated photographs of the Worthgate Scout Hut with new windows installed.

14.2 ML reported on the formal launch of the Steppingstones Nursery outside all-weather play area to which the Committee had contributed. The Club's contribution was acknowledged at the opening event.

ML reported that she would fund the acquisition of some bulbs to be planted at the Steppingstones Nursery.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th October 2014