

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of a meeting of Club Council held on 28th May 2013

1. **Present:** Robert Boyd-Howell (President), Robert Yonge, Peer Le Fleming, David Barton, Harry Cragg, Tony Pomeroy, Rosemary Doyle, Viv Pritchard, Alistair Scott, Brian Dobinson.
2. **Apologies:** John Hill
3. **Minutes:** the minutes of the last meeting , held on 23rd April 2013, were approved save that item 9 should have read that RBH was to speak with PW about outstanding “My job “ talks (and had done so).
4. **Matters arising:** Item 4 - RW reported that the replacement roundel was under construction and that its cost would ultimately be met by the cricket club. Item 5a. HC reported that he had recently seen Jane Rice, who seemed very well, and VP said that at the recent Pentangular week-end several of the foreign clubs, and 4/5 individuals, had enquired after Barry. It was agreed that RBH would write to Jane, telling her of the concern of these clubs, just some of the many friends Barry had.
5. **President's business:**
 - a. **Website Events Manager:** ME had confirmed that the system would be up and running, with faults rectified, for the next but one Club meeting.
 - b. **Pentangular week-end and joint project:** RBH apologised for the fact that he had had to leave the week-end prematurely due to the fact that his presence was urgently needed on his farm. In his absence, GG, VP and RD had attended the presidents meeting on behalf the Club. It had been agreed then that there would be no joint scheme for the Rotary year 2012/3 as some, at least, of the other clubs (but not Canterbury) had failed to provide for one financially. However, the 2 year scheme for orthotics and prosthetic limbs in the Congo, put forward by Leuven, was approved. This would involve the 5 clubs jointly contributing eu20000 over the ensuing 2 years at eu2000 per club pa (Canterbury's contribution had already been allocated almost in full). Applications for District support were to be made, with the intention of increasing the monies available to \$50,000 and Leuven had agreed to forward details, in English, to support our application to District, it being noted that District would require its formula to be followed. In addition, it had been agreed to discuss Canterbury's proposed scheme for Boys' and Girls' bursaries at Juba, S Sudan, at the Presidents' meeting on 16th November, which GG was to attend. GG would make a presentation on the classroom scheme and answer any points raised. The intention was that the bursary project would proceed after completion of that in the Congo. TP was to email MG for details of the project so that they could be circulated. DB pointed out that there would be a lot of work in connection with these schemes, and that the final schemes would have to include in the budgets the cost of monitoring (it was agreed that this would be done). Liaison members would be required for each club, and RBH agreed to act for Canterbury. It was pointed out that RD would be retiring from Council at the end of June, but she agreed to continue her work with these projects after that date in view of her language skills and familiarity with the proposals. Note: Canterbury alone has already been involved in a Girls' only bursary project in Juba, and is alone proposing a further project for 4 classrooms there for which Global funding will be sought

- c. **Consideration of honorary membership** for Heather Taylor, Lord Mayor of Canterbury: RBH pointed out that the Lord Mayor did not automatically become an hon member of the Club, although recent mayors had been made such members. Certain members had stated to him that the present Lord Mayor did not fulfil the requirements of membership, and reference was made to Press reports of an Employment Tribunal, in which the Lord Mayor had been criticised for not acting in a way that might have been expected. However, RD and HC were strongly supportive of her, pointing out that that she had done a great deal of work in organising and supporting a youth club in Sturry, and in that and other ways shown that she furthered the same ideals as Rotary. It was agreed 10 in favour, with 1 abstention, that her hon membership for 1 year be recommended to the Club, and that RD should prepare, and make available at the meeting at which the matter was to be considered by the club, details of her Rotary-like work.
- d. **Criteria for Hon. Membership** of the Club for former members: In view of the recent diversity of views on this subject, it had been agreed that the Council should consider laying down criteria. GG said that he felt that, in principle, if a person had been a good member who was unable to continue with ordinary membership for reasons beyond his control, he should be able to become an Honorary member, subject to fulfilling criteria. RY suggested the criteria should be a considerable period of membership, holding a number of offices in the Club and taking part fully in activities, and that while remaining in the district, by reason of suffering from ill-health or some other good cause, the former member is unable to attend regular meetings. It was unanimously agreed these criteria be recommended to the club.

6. **Financial report:** It was agreed that the annual sub be increased by £5 as discussed at the AGM. AS produced the list of figures that he had previously produced to the AGM. The apparent surplus of £550 on Pentangular would disappear once all costs were met. Annual advertising revenue from the website was about £1200, which balanced the expenditure on maintenance of the system at £1170, so that in due course consideration could be given to repaying the debenture monies. Dining a/c 1 at £2286 represented about 2 months' payment, and Dining a/c 2 was an historical reserve, still earning 3% and in credit £1542. TCK was showing a profit of £7141 - a record. Total charity funds (excluding the Millennium funds) stood at £19412, of which the allocations were - Pentangular £3600 (2 years' contribution), Comm. Serv. £2123, Int. Serv. £2085 (less £500 for Aquabox and £1000 to Foundation), Emergency £1306. Sailor Ted £95 (prizes) Prudent reserve £3000 and unallocated £7253. It was agreed there would be no further allocations before 1st July. The figures did not take into account some £700, earned at the Ascot Day run by RKC.

Mini Group Study Youth Exchange scheme: to be run in Canterbury in 2013, 1 - 8th September those dates having been agreed by AS reluctantly at the request of St Quentin. One enthusiastic girl had been identified already in Canterbury, and appeal was to be made to the Club for another, and also for assistance..

7. Reports from Committees:

- a. **Club Service** - no minutes. HC had agreed to be chairman of the separate membership committee. He asked for a brief including how often to meet. HC to choose members of the committee. Committee role includes fully explaining the commitments of membership to candidates, as well as identifying potential vice -presidents, but it was agreed that the membership procedure would be speeded up, and that the committee would become more proactive in seeking members.
- b. **Community Service:** Minutes circulated. Two people had been nominated for Rotary Recognition awards. It was agreed they be invited to a meeting of the Club, which would pay for their meals, but not for the meals of any persons accompanying them.
- c. **International Service:** - minutes circulated. The Committee was to restart the Tools for Reliance scheme that had been campaigned by John Sullivan. During the forthcoming year TP was also aiming to support the micro-credit scheme for very small businesses in India and Alistair Hoggarth's trust

- d. **Fundraising:** Duck Race was to be on 13th July - not as in the Directory - after assistance from VP in persuading City officials that the waters of the Stour were not unsafe.. Sales sheets had been sent out to all members bhy SJ and RY appealed to all members to ensure they were promptly returned. Preparation of ducks to take place at Bretts on Thursday 11th July, and sorting out on Thursday 18th
- e. **Foundation:** no minutes or report
- f. **Public Relations;** no minutes or report
- g. **Vocational Service:** minutes on web but not circulated. Nothing further to report

8. **Secretary's report:** David Lewis application for membership approved

9. **AOB:** HC - KB will have completed 50 years membership in 2014, and his date of joining to be discovered with a view to an award. RD - Newsletter about to be produced . The Safari Supper was to go ahead on 22nd June with 16 having expressed interest. The reception would be in the K & C Club. RBH -concerned that certain members never attended meetings nor took any other part in the Club's activities apart from paying their subs. Discussion took place about sending letters making it clear that unless they played some part, the Council would recommend to the Club expelling them, but it was agreed to defer this discussion until GG's first Council meeting as President.
10. **DONM:** Tuesday 25th June @ 6.0pm at Maitlands Farm, with partner, when a meal would be provided to mark the end of RBH's presidency