

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 24th NOVEMBER 2015

1. **PRESENT**

Peter Hermitage (President), Martin Ward (President elect), Sharon Jordan (Vice President), Bob Anderson, Alan Mepstead, Mark Rosen, Viv Pritchard, Harry Cragg, Lewis Norris, Brian Dobinson.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Peter Hodge, David Barton, Robert Boyd Howell

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting, held on 27th October 2015, were approved. Bob Anderson congratulated the President on the speed with which the minutes had been produced and the President undertook to ensure the draft minutes were in future published on the website as soon as practical.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

1. **Honorary membership criteria.**

PH had not had opportunity to draw up draft criteria.

Action: to be considered at the next meeting.

2. **Proposed boxing match**

Awaiting Fundraising Committee consideration

3. **John Paul Ekins concert**

This was a success artistically. The coaching of 6 students resulted in all of them giving superb performances when accompanied by JPE. His own second half playing contributed to a well received event. Financially it raised some £1600 to fund 3 music bursaries at Canterbury Christ Church University, which will be known as the "Rotary Scholarship Scheme." PH is discussing with the University about how the scheme might be extended in future years.

4. **Club Visioning**

Club visioning is a process of bringing all Club members together to explore what might be done in the future. MW undertook to invite Colin Norgate from District to a special meeting of Council so that members might hear what this involves in detail and then to consider taking it to the whole Club. **Action MW**

5. **Canterbury / St Quentin Anniversary**

ST's proposals for celebrating this to be put to the Club and the matter raised again at the next Council meeting. **Action PH**

6. **Subscriptions**

One of the two outstanding subscriptions had been received and LN was confident the other would be.

5. **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

1. **TCK**

MW reported that there was already a "full house" of entrants, although the deadline was not until the end of the month. It was intended that the winning choir be invited to perform at the Childrens' Choir concert at the Marlowe Theatre on Monday 11th April 2016, which would be a very prestigious event. TCK committee was considering making the Childrens' Choir the beneficiary of the bucket collection at TCK (see below)

2. Childrens' Choir

AM reported that 270 children had already signed up to the choir project promoted by Dan Thompkinson, an undergraduate student at CCCU assisted by Kerry Boyle who has been involved in putting together many choirs that have taken part in TCK. The Club had already committed to fund the choir to £500, which sum was already included in the Vocational Service Committee's allocation. Dan had booked the Marlowe and musicians (at a total cost that Council estimated to be in the region of £8,000). He was intending charging £12 per ticket, and aiming to break even. The event is already on the Marlowe Theatre website. PH had discussed with Dan approaching sponsors (intending that existing Rotary sponsors not be approached). DT has applied for an Arts Council grant, which at best would likely be matched funding. DT had taken on sole personal liability for the concert on 11th April 2016 and, beyond the £500, Rotary was not committed. It was agreed that the Children's Choir is a very worthy project, and that PH and AM should continue to encourage it but making plain to DT the limitation of Rotary's financial support, currently the £500 mentioned, although AM reminded Council that support up to £1,000 had been authorised (see Council minutes of 27th October 2015 item 7.d.iii). PH and MW are content that the TCK bucket collection could be used to assist in the funding of the event. TCK committee had discussed the potential to further assist with funds raised at that event. Members of Council asked PH and AM to consider the potential of reputational risk if the Marlowe event was badged as partnered with Rotary and had to be cancelled. **Action: AM and PH will keep Council apprised of progress.**

3. Burns Night Supper

PH reported that he was having trouble securing a piper. The suggestion that Council could join together to form a kazoo band was not enthusiastically supported. (To be noted that since the meeting a piper has been found and a wonderful evening is anticipated).

4. Special General Meeting

It was noted that the agenda for the Special General Meeting on 1st December has been circulated.

5. Cluster Group

PH had attended a meeting with SJ with representatives of FoB, Sunrise, Herne Bay, Whitstable and Faversham. Mention was made of a possible group photographic competition. **Action: PH to pass details to AM.** SJ mentioned the good ideas of some of the smaller clubs, notably Sunrise handing out fliers to departing Marlowe audiences when Sunrise were promoting events likely to be complementary to the show they had just seen.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 2014 – 15 which were discussed for presentation to the Club on 1st December.

LN circulated a summary of funds at November 2015. Balances - General fund £2995 unallocated £387; website £1281 (further sponsor payments awaited); Pentangular £7952; total charity: £12,027; Events £2,410; Millenium £70,843; Dining; £3,925. Dining account should cover expenditure until the next subscriptions in 3 months' time. The recent Christmas collection at Morrisons had raised approximately £632. It was noted that the figure for the Club's participation in the League of Friends event for the hospital showed only the net contribution made by Rotary and LN agreed that in future the expenditure and income of the

Club's efforts should be shown - AS to be contacted. He also agreed that the total value of the Club's efforts on such events as poppy selling for British Legion (where individual members were notified of their collections) should be recorded. It was also noted that currently the values for the Millennium Fund investments were given together with figures for cost, but not the dates of acquisition so that the performance of the managers could be judged. Agreed that the Trustees should address this, including the remuneration of the managers.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Community service** - minutes circulated
2. **International.**
No Minutes. Bob Anderson had attended a meeting of Hope Romania which had been awarded £750. A speaker had been invited to talk to the committee about a village in Syria. BA had asked the Juba committee the source of the Club's eu2000 contribution and had been told it was from Pentangular. The minutes showed £2000 was allocated to Pentangular in June 2014 . PH undertook to discuss this with AS and to ascertain if our contribution to the joint Pentangular project had been paid for 2014/5.
3. **Fundraising.**
Minutes circulated. MR reported that the Duck Race would take place on 18th September 2016. Wishing well - no site yet found. Christmas collection at the West railway now fixed for 14th & 18th December.
4. **Vocational Service.**
Minutes circulated.
5. **Membership** - no report.
6. **Club Service.** No minutes. MW reported that 55.4% attendance in October. Preparations for Christmas dinner underway, organised by SJ. District had appointed an independent consultant to advise what was wanted from their website
8. **Secretary's report.**
Peter Hodge had been unable to attend due to roadworks.
Agreed:
 - Leave of absence approved for RY - 15th November to 10th December and ML - 3 months from 1.1.16
9. **AOB**
 1. HC raised the issue of other club's events being advertised at those of our Club. **Agreed** this was a matter for the President's discretion.
 2. BA asked about the use of web notice boards. MW said he was looking into their organization.
 3. BA asked whether the document "Doing the business" which created a template for committee decisions was in use.
Action PH to take this up with Committee chairs.

10. **DONM:**

Wednesday 21st January 2016 at 6.30pm at the K & C Club

Financial Summary follows (2 pages)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - November 2015

| | Income | Expenditure | Funds Allocated | Total |
|---|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL FUND | 5315 | 3027.35 | 1900 | 2287.65 |
| 100 Club (from 2014) | 883 | 175 | 708 | 708 |
| General Fund Balance | | | | 2995.65 |
| GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE | | | | 387.65 |
| WEBSITE | 1081 | | | |
| Sponsorship Gardner Croft | 200 | | | 1281 |
| FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Total | 5429.23 | 5217.89 | | 211.34 |
| PENTANGULAR | | | | |
| Balance from 2014 | 2292.45 | | | |
| Income 2015 | 5660 | | | |
| Total | 7952.45 | | | 7952.45 |
| MINI GROUP EXCHANGE | | | | |
| Total | 1260 | 492.2 | | 767.8 |
| RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS | 3087 | 1577.5 | | 1509.5 |
| DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS | 1008 | 1024 | | -16 |
| TOTAL CLUB FUNDS | | | | 14701.74 |
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| DINING ACCOUNT | | | | |
| TOTAL | 15343.67 | 11418.1 | | 3925.57 |
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| CHARITY ACCOUNT | | | | |
| Emergency Reserve | | 500 | 2500 | |
| Vocational Service | | 400 | 1200 | |
| Weekly Raffle | | | 580 | |
| Foundation(10% Duck race & Collection) | 612 | 612 | | 0 |
| Total | 7089.57 | 4064.5 | | 3025.07 |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE | | | | |
| Transferred from Events Account | 2000 | | | |
| Total | 8391.55 | 3583 | | 4808.55 |
| INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE | | | | |
| Transferred from Events Account | 2000 | | | |
| Total | 7444.29 | 3250 | | 4194.29 |
| TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS | | | | 12027.91 |

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| EVENTS ACCOUNT | | | |
| Total | 12023.92 | 9612.98 | 2410.94 |
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| MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND | | | |
| Investments (at end September) | 62542.19 | | |
| CCLA Deposit Fund (at end September) | 4221.77 | | |
| Natwest Bank Account (at end October) | 4079.69 | | |
| Total Funds Available | 8301.46 | | 8301.46 |
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| TOTAL MILENNIUM FUND | 70843.65 | | 70843.65 |
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| TOTAL ASSETS HELD | | | 103909.81 |