

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 April 2016

1. **PRESENT:** Peter Hermitage (President), Martin Ward (President Elect), Sharon Jordan (Vice President), Harry Cragg, Robert Boyd-Howell, Sharon Jordan, Bob Anderson, Viv Pritchard, John Harris, Margaret Griffin and Peter Hodge
2. **APOLOGIES:** Alan Mepstead, Brian Dobinson, Mark Rosen and Lewis Norris.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the Meeting held 29 March 2016 were approved.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- (1) 4.1 Growth Opportunities meeting to be held on 28.04.16 – 18 attending so far.
- (2) 4.2 Big Sing profit £2,000. Hoping to include secondary schools next year. At present the Big Sing is scheduled to take place on 17.3.17 and should not be in competition with TCK 2017, which is planned for 8.4.17. The Big Sing could well be a ticket selling opportunity. MW reported that TCK needs somebody to come forward who is prepared to be the Project Manager.

Action: Martin Ward to put out 'job description'

- (3) Joint Pentangular Project – Margaret Griffin is giving a presentation of the Juba Project on 5.5.16 when DG Visits. The issue of risk was discussed at the International Committee, particularly insofar as monies may be at risk. The Diocese of Salisbury has been involved in dealing with the school we are endeavouring to help and attempts will be made to discuss with their team how they have managed in the past. Unfortunately one of the people we would like to see has experienced ill health and therefore the opportunity has been delayed. MG is due to visit Juba in the near future.
- (4) 4.4 Replies are being received from those who loaned money for the website development. Most are requesting that their money be donated for further website development.
- (5) 4.5 Measuring Success – Bob Anderson has spoken with Jarle Tatt to discuss how the success of a club can be measured. Very few clubs are signed up to "Rotary Club Central" (an online tool to help clubs set and track their goals and achievements). BA has a further meeting 5.5.16 to see how we can progress this issue.

Action BA

5. **PRESIDENTS BUSINESS:**

- 5.1 Visit of DG 3.5.16 – President to report and Margaret Griffin to give report on the Juba project. The President will give the DG a list of the Club's achievements **(Completed – list attached at Appendix 1).**

5.2 End Polio Now – One way of supporting this is to purchase crocus corms for planting. Agreed that 5,000 Crocus corms @ £85 would be ordered and when received to offer them for sale amongst members.

Action: Secretary to follow up with MW

5.3 District Council Meeting 5 May – to be attended by Club representatives.

5.3 Pentangular 2017. Part of MW's plans for the weekend is to run music events on the Saturday morning in collaboration with Canterbury Christ Church University. Meetings have taken place and another is planned for 5.5.16

6. BOXING EVENING – Paper has been presented. Issue to be discussed at next meeting when Treasurer present.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- (a) Balances – Club Funds £14534, , Dining £6692 and Events £6121
- (b) Up to date report for AGM.

A discussion took place on how to free up funds for committees to use. BA applauded the work undertaken by the Treasurer in managing the Club's finances. In the absence of the Treasurer, it was decided that BA and the President would meet to try to pull together the ideas expressed which can be then considered with the Treasurer.

Action: Meeting scheduled for 17.5.16

8, COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Community Service –Report on Website
DB reported that there had been discussion in the Committee on whether we could support the funding of a primary care nurse to work with "Catching Lives." This would be over more than one year and would cost £4k per year. It was agreed that such a venture requires longer term planning both within our club and possibly with the other Canterbury Clubs. The funding might come in part through the "Pentangular Gift" of €2,000 that comes with a home pentangular meeting. The idea was not rejected by Council.
ACTION: MW to consider in the context for planning his and subsequent Rotary years with incoming presidents.
- (b) International – Report on Website
Agreement was reached that the Chairman of the Committee could determine whether monies went to Aquabox or Shelterbox.
- (c) Foundation – No report
- (d) Fund Raising – No Report – President to deal with Wishing Well
- (e) Vocational – Report on Website
- (f) Awards Committee – Paper presented by the President which will be taken to the AGM. Council supported a recommendation.

9. DISTRICT MATTERS –Martin Ward reported on District Assembly – not very successful

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT

(a) Leave of absence agreed for Jacquie Bartlett for 3 months but Secretary to write hoping she would be able to attend some meetings.

(b) AGM – 17 May 2016

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) George Carey – possible 25 years with Rotary – Secretary with check with archivist

(b) Martin Ward announced at Black Tie Picnic at Charlton Park Bishopsbourne with music on 2.8.16

(c) BA raised the issue of assisting the Children in Need Charity.

Action – President to follow up

(d) It was asked where are we with the wishing well fund raising idea.

Action President to speak to RY

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING on 24.5 16 2015 at 18.30 at Kent and Canterbury Club

28.04.16 Meeting for all with supper at K @ C Club – Growth Opportunities meeting
With Colin Northgate District Membership Officer.

Last Council meeting would be a barbeque at President's house.

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING

- International
 - Numerous small grants
 - Juba Project
 - Clothing for refugees in Germany
 - Shelterbox
 - Facilitated the first refurbishment centre in Kent for Tools for Self a Reliance
- Membership
 - Two new members this year – none lost
 - New ideas as we move into 2016 -17
- Fundraising
 - Duck Race – now an established part of the summer in Canterbury
 - Top Choir Kent
 - From this we provided financial and “management” help for the Big Sing – a concert at the Marlowe Theatre for a massive choir of children.
 - Twin aims of money raising and encouraging choral music
 - Concert to raise £1,500 for bursaries at Canterbury Christ Church University
- Community Services
 - Kids Out
 - Numerous local grants
 - Helping homeless charity – Catching Lives
 - Financial support to local fire victims
- Vocational Services
 - District Public speaking – team to the regional final
 - Innovation awards
 - Competition with the English Speaking Union
 - Trips out including sailing in a Thames barge, visiting London Gateway container port
- Foundation
 - Polio Plus
- Fellowship
 - Book club
 - Fun meetings
 - Being involved
- President’s Charities
 - Salvation Army
 - Manston Memorial
 - Financial support to flood victims in Cumbria
- Pentangular relationship with clubs in Holland, France, Germany, Belgium