

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2016

PRESENT

- 1) Peter Hermitage (President PHe), Sharon Jordan (Vice President), Peter Hodge, Mark Rosen, Viv Pritchard, Bob Anderson, Harry Cragg, David Barton, Lewis Norris, Brian Dobinson

2) **APOLOGIES**

Alan Mepstead, Martin Ward

3) **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting, held on 24th November 2015, were approved with the formal amendment of the day for the next meeting to Thursday.

4) **MATTERS ARISING**

1. Honorary membership - PHe had circulated a paper prepared by him setting out a proposed policy for awards. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the proposals be adopted subject to its being made clear that, in accordance with RIBI rules, persons put forward for honorary membership are approved by majorities of two thirds of those present and eligible to vote at the meetings of both Council and whole Club. After making these amendments the policy paper was to be published on the club website. The agreed policy is attached to these minutes.
2. Proposed charity Boxing Match - MR reported that he was to attend a meeting with the management of Westgate Hall on 27th January to fix the date of the event, likely to be at the end of October or beginning of November. MR was to report to Council when the date was agreed. TB had offered to underwrite the deposit required by the Hall, and TL had agreed to assist with the organisation of the event. **Action - MR**
3. Club Visioning - in the absence of MW this was postponed to the next council meeting. **Action MW**
4. Marking of Canterbury /St Quentin anniversary. PHe reported that to mark this, St Quentin were proposing to visit Canterbury in the New Year of 2017, and he was planning to go to St Quentin to make the arrangements.¹
5. Subscriptions - LN reported that only one was outstanding from a member who was very ill, and it was agreed he was not to be pressed.
6. Childrens' Choir - the organiser, Dan Thompkinson, had obtained an Arts Council grant of £2,300 and also a grant from the City Council, which with the Club's agreed contribution, should secure financial success. The Club had committed to support the event with £500, but up to £1000 in total had been authorised by Council. PHe and AM were looking into how the Club could assist in ways other than monetary support. It was still to be decided whether the TCK exit collection would be donated to the Choir. **Continued action AM and PHe.**

¹ Since the meeting, St Quentin have decided not to come to Canterbury for the new year of 2016/ 17.

7. Special General Meeting - 1st December. PHe reported on the meeting. Since then MG indicated that she would be willing to become President after SJ, and MR after MG. RESOLVED that MG and MR be co-opted as Vice Presidents for the rest of the year and all present hoped they would progress to the office of President accordingly. The order would be MW 2016/7, SJ 2017/8, MG 2018/9 and MR 2019/20.²

8. Cluster Group Photographic competition - PHe reported this was proceeding.

5) **PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

Fundraising³

The background to our fundraising efforts was summarized. The Club has traditionally left the matter of fundraising to the Fundraising Committee. A number of set piece events (The Duck Race, TCK and supermarket collections) have generated funds, which have been allocated to spending committees so that they can do their work. From time to time additional activities have taken place ranging from street collections to deal with disasters to raffles run at social functions. Generally speaking, fundraising has not been targeted at specific causes. The model is under threat since supermarkets have become less keen to allow us to collect money and sell ducks. Fewer members seem to want to be involved in fundraising activities. The Club supports fundraising in a "third party" sense. Members volunteer to take part in Poppy Day collections and helping the Lord Mayor's Christmas Gift Fund. The following views were expressed:

- MR was concerned that there should be more involvement within the Fundraising Committee and there should be co-ordination of the major fundraising efforts through that committee.
- LN pointed out that the club was not just about fundraising. He believed we should be setting a budget each year for the amount likely to be spent and work to it. He estimated that the principal spending committees between them needed about £14,000.
- A number of members expressed the view that ideas are best generated in the Fundraising Committee and when these are turned into action, it is for the whole Club to be involved.
- MR asked whether we make the best use of our weekly meetings in dealing with fundraising. Are we spending too much time dining and listening to speakers rather than concentrating on service matters?
- If we firstly find specific ventures to support and then go about fundraising to fund those ventures, we will need to ensure good project management and co-ordination through the fundraising committee.
- There is no reason why we should not rely upon project groups to do the fund raising (we already do this with TCK and the Duck Race) so long as there is co-ordination.
- There was little enthusiasm for Community Services Committee, International Committee and Vocational Services Committee to identify projects to be funded and then for the individual committees to go about raising hypothecated funds.
- BD suggested that members themselves could look to fund the amounts needed for the bulk of non-hypothecated expenditure by gift-aided donations. This would enable all, including those who found themselves unable to take part in events, to make their

² The proposals for the Vice President positions were reported to the business meeting of the Club on 2.2.16

³ The issues raised in the debate were reported to the business meeting of the Club on 2.2.16

contribution with the further attraction that tax could be recovered. However, although members would be invited to take part, there would be no obligation at all, nor publication of the amounts donated by individuals. The idea was that, in general, people would balance their giving so that overall they were no worse off unless, of course, they wanted to spend more. We would then look to run events the proceeds of which were hypothecated for particular charities where, generally, it was much easier to raise funds.

ACTION: PH agreed to use the views of Council in writing a paper for a future meeting.

6) **FINANCIAL REPORT**

LN circulated a summary of funds at January 2016. General fund £3004 (£394 avail). Website £1627. Two advertisers' payments were due and he would speak to them. He did not know how much would have to be paid for re-vamping the site. Pentangular (provision for holding Pentangular in Canterbury) £ 7,637, Mini group exchange £786. Dining account at the balance date was £7656, but in fact at the time of the meeting was nearly £10,000, partly due to a surplus on the Christmas Dinner, but this would be reduced by the Burns Night supper. Total charity £10,262. Due to the fact that there was no joint Pentangular project in 2014, there had been no need to provide the £2000 contribution in that year, and he had not appreciated that the provision would have to be made in 2015. To make this good, he had transferred £500 each from Emergency Reserve and Vocational Services plus £250 each from Community Services and International to the Pentangular project. This left allocated sums Community Services £3,201, International £2,194, Vocational Services £700, Pentangular £1500, Unallocated £483. Events £2375 (to be left to pump prime TCK. Millennium fund £71,656. A gift of £50 had been received from Lord Carey and was to be passed on to a suitable cause to be identified by Comm Services. District had enquired what our fundraising was over Christmas, and he would provide the figures, including a share of Poppies and Lord Mayor's fund.

7) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Community Service minutes had been circulated. DB drew attention to the Kids' Day Out from St Nicholas' School on 15th March to an indoor playground. 4 Rotarians needed – GD was to announce this at the next meeting. No CRB clearance needed. PHe mentioned that Sunrise was arranging a sleepover in the Cathedral close in support of Porchlight and Catching Lives.
2. International - no report.
3. Vocational Service - minutes circulated
4. Fundraising - covered in President's Business
5. Membership - no report
6. Club service - no report but PHe said Ludenscheid were coming on 22nd March to present their Pentangular programme. Ulrich had expressed concern about lack of interest in Pentangular and had said they would like more ongoing contact with Canterbury. It was suggested that newsletters might be exchanged and PHe said he would ask AS and the Pentangular committee to consider this. **Action PHe**

8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Leave of absence approved for VP for the month of March

9. **DONM** Tuesday 23rd February 6.30pm K & C Club

POLICY ON HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Background

The Rotary Club of Canterbury has traditionally invited the Lord Mayor of Canterbury to be an honorary member for the year of his / her term of office. Two Archbishops of Canterbury (Lord Carey and Justin Welby) have been elected as honorary members as has one former member of the Club. On 21 January 2016, Club Council agreed Club Policy on the subject which is produced in this paper.

2. R.I. Policy

The standard Rotary Club Constitution sets out:

Honorary Membership.

(a) **Eligibility for Honorary Membership.** Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(b) **Rights and Privileges.** Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

3. Way Forward

Council agreed:

- a. To continue the honorary membership of the present and past Archbishop on the grounds that they are friends of Rotary by virtue of their permanent support of Rotary's cause.
- b. When each new Lord Mayor is appointed, Council will consider offering honorary membership for the period of the Lord Mayor's office by virtue of their permanent support of Rotary's cause. This will then be put to the whole Club.
- c. If any member of the Club wishes to nominate any other person for honorary membership, then the nomination should be seconded, and a written case made out to justify the nomination. Council will be asked to take a view on the nomination (including the possible period of honorary membership). The nomination will then be put to the whole Club for decision. The eligibility criteria set out in the Club Constitution will apply. Two third majorities of those present at the relevant Council and Club meetings are required to secure honorary membership.
- d. If the proposal is for a former member of Rotary, in considering the eligibility criteria, attention will be given to such issues as:
 - i. Attendance record.
 - ii. What a person has achieved in terms of service and fellowship.
 - iii. Offices held.
 - iv. Awards received.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - January 2016

	Income	Expenditure	Funds Allocated	Total
GENERAL FUND				
100 Club	883	175	708	708
General Fund	5397.5	3100.56	1900	2296.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	6280.5	3275.56		3004.94
GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE				396.94
WEBSITE	1627			1627
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES				
Total	5429.23	5217.89		211.34
PENTANGULAR				
Total	8018.45	381		7637.45
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE				
Total	1279	492.2		786.8
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS	3214	3259.91		45
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS	1024	1024		0
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				14583.81
DINING ACCOUNT				
TOTAL	24013.65	16356.68		7656.97
CHARITY ACCOUNT				
Emergency Reserve	3000	1500	1500	
Joint Pentangular Project				
Transferred from Emergency Reserve	500			
Transferred from Vocational	500			
Transferred from International	250			
Transferred from Community Services	250			
TOTAL	1500		1500	
General Account	2056.03	1573		483.03
Vocational Service	1600	900	700	
Weekly Raffle	674		674	
Total	8830.03	3973		4857.03
COMMUNITY SERVICE				
Total	8912.85	5711.62		3201.23
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE				
Total	7444.29	5250		2194.29
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				10252.55
EVENTS ACCOUNT				
Total	14363.81	11987.98		2375.83
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
Investments (at end September)	62542.19			
CCLA Deposit Fund (at end September)	4501.84			
Natwest Bank Account (at end October)	4612.2			
Total Funds Available	9114.04			9114.04
TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND	71656.23			71656.23
TOTAL ASSETS HELD				106525.39