

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2017

1. PRESENT: Martin Ward (President) Sharon Jordan, Alan Mepstead, Peter Hermitage, Margaret Griffin, Geoff Goodban, Wendy Jones, Peter Hodge, Lewis Norris, David Barton, Brian Dobinson
2. APOLOGIES: Bob Anderson, Robert Boyd Howell
3. MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on 6th December 2016 were approved.
4. MATTERS ARISING: Christmas Dinner (item 11b) - SJ report that she had received a "thank you" card for the Christmas widows' gift from the widow who had complained about the invitation to the dinner.
5. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:
 - a) Collection at Sainsbury's in memory of Hannah Loughran. Tony and Jane had approved the proposed collection which was to take place on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th February, between 10.0am and 4.0pm each day. Tony had been in touch with the charity Scat, which was to provide publicity material, and 3 members of Sainsbury's staff were to join Rotarians in collecting. Monies were to be collected in Rotary badged buckets, but paid in to Sainsbury's which has a special facility on its accounting program and which will account directly to Scat for all proceeds. MW was to liaise further with Sainsbury's before the event.
 - b) Millennium scholarship. PLF had 1 outstanding applicant to interview and 4 other enquiries. One person whose application for funding had been approved had withdrawn without taking it as the proposed course had been completed. PLF had written to schools advertising the fund but also wished to have a social media campaign.
 - c) Juba. MW had met with the steering committee for the Joint Pentangular Project which was drawing up selection criteria for potential recipients of the bursaries. About eu16,000 out of a projected total of eu20,000 had been received already, and a secure conduit for the transmission of funds, handled by the Diocese of Juba had been located .
 - d) Vice presidential election. Whilst it had been in accordance with the rules, MW did not feel that the recent election had been handled as well as he would have wished, and both GG and DB had been approached by members who felt the same. MW had apologised to MR for any hurt and reassured him he had a positive future in the club. MW has drawn up a proposed protocol for future elections, which was welcomed by Council, but as RBH (who was known to be anxious to take part in the discussion on the matter) was unable to be present it was agreed to defer the matter until he was able to do so. Council was unanimous in its backing of MW in taking this approach
6. BOXING NIGHT:

PHe reported that virtually all tickets had been sold, with 142 diners and 100 spectators. Nearly all monies had been collected, all officials had been arranged by the boxing club, a previous world champion was coming to award prizes and a comedian from Sunderland at the cost only of his train fare. 15 bouts had been set up, but on the night this was likely to reduce. He circulated his latest budget income and expenditure showing an anticipated surplus of £2000, which in practice he hoped would be exceeded. He had spent a very large amount of time on the project, which was a joint event with the boxing/youth club. The original intention had been to divide the proceeds equally between the club and Rotary, but it was unanimously agreed that £1000 or half the net proceeds, whichever was the lesser, would go to Rotary, the balance to the club. Council unanimously recorded its thanks to PHe, without whom the project would not have got off the ground.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

LN circulated his summary of funds for January 2017 (copy appended below). He was still awaiting one company's payment for the website, which he hoped to receive shortly. The Wishing Well had taken £204.84 to date (16 weeks). The whole of the balance of £4840 in Events had since been paid to Westgate Hall for the Boxing Night. Pho was to prepare a statement about the 100 Club for the next Council meeting which would be circulated with the minutes as some new members were unaware of it. Since the last Council meeting MW had circulated all Council members with an email about the club laptop, which had broken down, and having received approval, had purchased a new one. The President's chair was in a derelict condition and had been taken away by MB, whose estimate for repairing and re-upholstering it was £300. It was unanimously agreed this be accepted, £250 of the cost to be taken from the 100 club Summary approved.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Club Service - SJ had a written report which will be put on the website with these minutes. Attendance - slight improvement. Meals cost now £14.50, which will not be covered by the standing orders of those who attend regularly. Speakers covered until April. There were still problems with the website and discussions are ongoing. No new applications for membership. The form of the weekly reminder email about attendance at meetings had changed and all members should scrutinise it.
- b) Community Service - minutes circulated and on website. DB hoping eventually to help about 10 families via Canterbury Homestart for which a District matching grant was being sought. DB particularly concerned that 3 rough sleepers had recently died in Canterbury and DL was seeking meeting with Catching Lives.
- c) International - no report
- d) Voc Service - minutes circulated and on website. MW recorded his thanks to AM for his work on the children's short story competition in connection with which MW had accompanied AM to the prize giving which appeared very much appreciated by the children.
- e) Foundation - no report
- f) Fundraising - minutes of meeting of 12 the Dec still in hands of MW -to be put on website. Wishing Well - currently nowhere for it to go. Pho to invite RY to prepare report for the next Council meeting about where it might be placed. Discussion took place about using it for Lord Mayor's Gift Fund or Duck Race. Duck Race - Sun 17th September 2017 (MW having established that lifesavers available then) but Sat 8th September 2018 pm in order to fit with the District Conference which was due to take place at UKC then.
- g) Pentangular - MW reported a meeting with Christchurch regarding the arrangements for the events planned to be there which was satisfactory. Deadline for foreign visitors notifying their intention of attending 17th March

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT/ DISTRICT MATTERS:

District Council meeting 15th February

10. AOB:

Making it clear he was not criticising, BD felt there had been a fairly large number of war-themed meetings and whilst some were understandable and acceptable, he felt the number should be kept reasonably low.

11. DONM:

Tuesday 28th February 2017 6.0pm at K & C Club

Financial Statement for January follows....

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - January 2017

	Income	Expenditure	Allocated	Total
GENERAL FUND				
100 Club	1524	1100	424	424
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	4182.5	3421.33	732	761.17
GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE				337.17
WEBSITE	2979	366.48		2612.52
FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES	1543.74	1292.2		251.54
PENTANGULAR	10466.22	1980.08		8486.14
MINI GROUP EXCHANGE	1716.8	583.7		1133.1
RIBI SUBSCRIPTIONS	3536	3536		0
DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTIONS	1000	1000		0
TOTAL CLUB FUNDS				13244.47
DINING ACCOUNT	26018.17	18794		7224.17
CHARITY ACCOUNT				
Emergency Reserve	1500	500	1000	1000
Foundation	654.86	540	114.86	114.86
GENERAL ACCOUNT	4850.85	2442.78	612	2408.07
Vocational Services	700	0	700	700
Weekly Raffle	575.3	0	575.3	575.3
Wishing Well	204.84			
Available balance				1000.91
CHARITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	8485.85	4482.78	3002.16	4003.07
COMMUNITY SERVICES	6874.43	3189.93		3684.5
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	5885.29	3330.05		2555.24
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				10242.81
EVENTS ACCOUNT	13914.91	9074.35		4840.56
MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
Investments	64652.13			
Total Funds Available	10630.75	1600		9030.75
TOTAL MILLENNIUM FUND	75282.88			75282.88
TOTAL CLUB ASSETS HELD				110834.89
JPP Dollar Account	\$17665.61			\$17665.61