

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Vocational Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 18th July 2017

Present. Brian Dobinson, Nan Miller, Les Stephenson, Mike Talbot, Ian Wright, Neil Fraser, Alan Mepstead.

Apologies. Tim Brett, John Beckett.

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th June were approved. There was one matter arising
 - We are still holding £75 donated by Mr Faud Hussain in respect of the Pilgrims Way reading project which will not now go ahead. Mr Hussain has subsequently agreed that we should continue to hold the money for any similar project, NM will write one final letter to the Head of Pilgrims Way.
2. **Innovation Competition.** BD spoke to the very comprehensive notes that he had made. Although there were over one hundred entries it had to be noted that 68 of them came from Simon Langton Boys. Press report had been delayed as some of the photos were blurred but MT is following this up. BD considered that if the competition was to continue it needed a new pair of eyes directing it, and that it should be made paperless. He has an extremely good contact at Christchurch in Helen Ward and will continue to be in touch with her. He has also spoken with Caroline Lees who is prepared to take part in corresponding with the entrants next year as will also Deborah Connolly and Alan M. Thanks were recorded to Brian for his efforts and it was to be hoped that this competition would continue in the future.
3. **2017/2018 Schools competitions.** AM said that he would continue with the Primary schools writing and Secondary Schools Youth Speaks competitions, and NM agreed to help in contacting schools. Suggestions were invited for a theme for the writing competition.
4. **Youth Unemployment project.** NF considered that the presentation given by Erik Foster was somewhat lacking. LS pointed out that although the National average for unemployed was indeed 10% in Canterbury it was only 1% and which would alter our perception of the need. After discussion it was thought that our efforts could be better directed at the year 11(lower sixth) of the non-selective secondary schools.
5. **Events**
 - **Dover Museum.** IW has this underway for 21st September. To be followed by Lunch at the Maritime Hotel. Take up has been good and IW is organising a second trip for a second trip for 5th October.
 - **Artist's Studio.** NM has organised a visit to Graham Clarke's Studio at Boughton Monchelsea for this Thursday. £10 for a one hour talk including tea and biscuits and possibly followed by Lunch. Take up has been disappointing perhaps due to the number of other events taking place.
 - **Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance.** Yet again STILL watch this space.
6. **New Committee Members.** As previously minuted it was agreed that we very much need new committee members.
7. **Any other Business.** None.
8. **Date of next meeting.** 12th September 2017.NO AUGUST MEETING.