

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held Tuesday 13th January 2015 at the Cricket Club

Present: - Les Stephenson, Ian Wright, Nan Miller, Brian Dobinson. John Beckett, Roddy Tyndale- Biscoe, Alan Mepstead,

Apologies: - Tim Brett, Mike Talbot, Rosemarie Morton.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2014 were approved, subject to the following. NM asked that it be recorded that the prize money for the Innovation competition had been altered from that agreed by the committee. LS has sent an e-mail to the Chairman clarifying the position re the police visit (see later minute) All other matters arising being dealt with on the Agenda.
2. **Innovation competition.** BD reported that as previously recorded he has delivered competition details to the three schools on his list, as has AM, and both are following these up. BD expects at least some entries from Simon Langton Boys and QE Faversham are going to make it a project. AM is in touch with the Principals of Chaucer College and Spires Academy as well as the Teachers committee at Steiner. Pauline Davies at Sunrise & Chris Cox at Forest of Blean are also following up a good number of schools. The competition is on both Facebook and Twitter, the poster is displayed at Sainsburys and the Library. Gerry Warren has written an article for the Kentish Gazette. However if anyone knows of any other contacts, we still need as many other leads as possible. Suggested that we put a notice in the District newsletter. The judges will include Carole Baron, Alan Holmes and Mark Esdale and the final judging will be 8th July with final entries by 31st March. Peter Hermitage will also be there.
3. **Schools Public Speaking competition.** Is to be held at the Guildhall on **February 4th 5.00pm for 5.30pm and** arrangements are well in hand. AM has met with Noel Ensol from the ESU to finalise things. Unfortunately Noel will be abroad on business that day and AM will do the organisation etc. The Inner Wheel is providing refreshments and the Lord Mayor has promised to attend. There are seven entrants from 6 schools.
4. **Photographic competition 2015.** Agreed to run with this again if Sunshine and Forest of Blean are agreeable. AM will make contact.
5. **Events Programme for 2015**
 - Shepherd Neame Faversham. TB is following this up.
 - Chatham Dockyard AM to follow up
 - Tower Bridge and a possible river trip. AM to follow up

- Police Visit. LS reported that he has spoken with Peter Hermitage who has in turn spoken to Chief Inspector Arnold who is responsible for policing in the Canterbury area .He suggests a visit to the Main police station (max 12) but is prepared to come and talk to the club one lunch time first.

British Legion Factory. NM is investigating visit to this facility. Apparently they make
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- not only poppies but Road and many other signs.
- Country walks. LS has spoken to Alan Forrest and John Hill about a bird watching walk and he also has an idea for a walk from Bridge to Kingston (but not before springtime!!)
- Canterbury Walks. AM will make contact.
- English Chamber Orchestra. NM will organise another visit if there is sufficient interest.

6. There was no other business.

7. Date of next meeting 11th February 2015