

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 3 October 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Deborah Connolly, Charles Evans, Rosemary Morton and Andrew Barchi & Raj Dasan

Apologies: PP John Hill, Bob Anderson, David Lewis

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £3,243.67
3. **Canterbury MS Society** Noted that this charity has been renamed as Kent MS Therapy Centre.
4. **Catching Lives (CL)** A second estimate for the window refurbishment had been received and a grant of £800 was agreed by the Committee. RM will arrange the presentation of the cheque accompanied by RD.
5. **Tryangle Awards.** A cheque for £250 had been received from Forest of Blean Rotary Club and this would be forwarded with our cheque for £250 to KCC. DB and HC agreed to attend the awards ceremony on 19 November.
6. **Rising Sun Charity (RS) - Counselling Courses for Aggressive Young Men.** Herne Bay Rotary Club has submitted an application for a District Matching Grant – we have pledged £500 towards the project.
7. **Cherished Memories Charity (CM).** A letter requesting financial help had been received and it was agreed that the Chairman should acknowledge the request and inform CM that we would try to help if any of their clients are from the Canterbury area.
8. **Children's Social Work Team (CSWT)** DC reported that she had given the £250 cheque to CSWT to pay for the garden clearance and that work was expected to commence shortly.
9. **Sing for Your Lives (SFYL)** A letter of thanks for our £75 donation had been received.
10. **Canterbury and Coastal Home Start (CCHS).** AB reported that whilst the 4 volunteers had been trained there had still been no referrals for their services. Under the circumstances he felt that we should inform District that we were unable to take up the matching grant and inform CCHS that our support for the project would have to be withdrawn. This was agreed.
11. **RYLA** The course would be proceeding over the weekend 13-16 October and JH will be in contact with our sponsored candidates before then.

12. Leonard Cheshire Disability Homes. It was agreed not to make a general donation to this worthwhile charity but any specific cases would be considered appropriately.

13. Website Request – Clayton Fergusson (Special Educational Needs) DC reported that the boy was now attending a fee paying school (Dover College) and after much discussion the Committee felt that it would be inappropriate to make a donation towards the purchase of equipment in this case.

14. Date of Next Meeting. 7 November 2017 at 11.30. Apologies from AB & DC.