

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of Club Business Meeting

held on Tuesday 1st February 2022, 1pm at Canterbury Bowling Club and Zoomed to members.

1. President Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Thought for the Day – Mary McGearry
3. Loyal Toast – Given by President Stephen
4. Apologies have been received from Tony Loughran, Brian Dobinson
5. Induction of Keji Moses who was presented to the club by Martin Ward, and then inducted by President Stephen Thompson.
6. Correspondence – Maxine/Stephen
 - a. Maxine reported that all correspondence received by her had been forwarded to the relevant club member and had been acted upon.
 - b. Stephen proposed a vote of thanks to Rosemarie Morton for New Year drinks
7. Almoner/Health Report – David Lewis
 - a. Geoff Goodburn has been in hospital
 - b. Lewis Norris – still unwell but seeing a consultant shortly
 - c. Dee Mepstead – Alan reported that her arm is progressing well
8. Minutes of last Business Meeting – 4th January 2022 – attached and approved
9. Matters arising from minutes – all items were covered later in the meeting
10. Report on Special Club Council Meetings – President Stephen reported that the Club Council had met on the 21st December 2021 and 5th January 2022 to consider the action to be taken in response to the new COVID outbreak.
 - a. Meeting on 21st Dec agreed that the Club's regular meetings should carry on as planned asking members to take LFT's before coming along.
 - b. Meeting of 5th January reviewed the acceptances received for the Centenary which were much lower than expected. It was agreed to reschedule the Centenary Party to later in the year.
11. Report on Club Council Meeting 31st January 2022
 - a. Council agreed a proposal from Martin to purchase new video conferencing equipment to allow continuation of Zoom for meetings. Martin will obtain a new quote up to the value of £650 Club General subject to Kailash's confirmation of monies being available.

- b. Timings of Evening Dinner meetings were reconfirmed as being 7.00pm for 7.30pm start and a 9.30pm finish
- c. Drinking Water Refilling Point update - later
- d. Centenary Party - later
- e. Pentangular – later
- f. June date changes – The Centenary Party will now be held on Saturday, 18th June. The Club Council Dinner will now be held on the 25th June.
- g. Officer Post Vacancies 2022/2023 – Volunteers for the posts of Treasurer and Vice President for 2022/2023 are still being sought
- h. Presidential Collar – Sue Thompson is refurbishing the Collar with the new name badges.
- i. Centenary Day – 9th February. Events being held to mark the day are:
 - i) Coffee Morning – Abode Hotel 11am-12 in the lounge on 1st Floor. Those wishing to attend should contact Harry Cragg.
 - ii) Dinner in Pavillion at the Cricket Club which is a social evening with family and guests. Please book in via EMS. Stephen noted that a few presentations will be made as well as toasting the Centenary of the Club.
- j. World Rotary Day – 23rd February 2022 – no plans at present but ST happy for any ideas.
- k. 1st March 2022 – DGE Paul Frostick will be visiting the Club and joining us for the lunchtime Business Meeting.
- l. Cooperation with Local Clubs – A meeting was held on 26th January with the Presidents and President Elect's of the Sunrise, Forest of Blean and Canterbury clubs. The subject was looking at ways to improve cooperation between the Club's and possible sharing of some larger events. It was agreed to hold a Bat & Trap evening in August, and for Canterbury to help with two Santa's sleigh's collection evenings in December.
- m. President Elect Group Report -Tony Loughran
 - i) Community Service – Tony has agreed for the Club to help with Marie Curie Day collection at Morrison.
 - ii) Community Service Committee: Tony reported that:
 - i. 10/1/22 meeting was held but not quorate
 - ii. St Nicholas School has received a £200 donation which helped take the younger children on a trip to Reindeer Land just before Xmas. They received a present from Santa and meet the reindeers. Rotarians Sidney Denham and Maxine Blades went along to help.
 - iii. RYLA: we are not sending anyone on the April weekend but hope to have candidates for the October session.
 - iv. Food Bank money is currently being held in reserve
 - v. Pilgrims Way School. A £250 donation was made to help the whole School attend the pantomime. A letter of thanks has been received from the Headteacher.
 - vi. Rising Sun: a donation of £200 was made to help provide Xmas boxes for children.

- vii. The Committee is looking at ways of expanding the range of organisations making requests for help as probably due to COVID currently rather limited range being supported. Members are encouraged to make suggestions to Tony and Richard for potential donations.
- iii) International
 - i. Met 18/1/22
 - ii. Pilgrims Way School donation of £250 was much appreciated (see CSC above)
 - iii. Dakar: 10 eye operations have been paid for
 - iv. Tonga disaster: Situation is under review
 - v. Committee looking at the possibility of a District Grant for Dhaka project
 - vi. 'Loans with Care' continues to be supported.
- iv) Vocational
 - i. Met last week
 - j. Primary Schools writing competition is completed with £345 in prizes being awarded across the 165 entries
 - k. Senior writing competition in hand
 - n. Vice President Report – Rosemary
 - i. Charity Film Night will be held on 8/3/22 at Dunkirk Village Hall.
 - j. 100 Club next draw in March for the 63 members
 - k. Book Club continues to meet
 - o. Treasurer's Report
 - i) Accounts will be shortly published on the website – Thanks sent to Kailash for completing the accounts for the end of Tax Year
 - ii) Stephen reported that there is a £1110.14 balance in Events A/c due to late sponsorship for the Duck Race. It was agreed to split this money between Community Service and International, each Committee receiving £555.07 each.
 - iii) Gift Aid – RKC to claim the gift aid on members donations for the WBFP.
 - iv) Dining Accounts Scrutineer – replacement for Roger still needed
 - p. Recruitment
 - i) Keji Moses ratified as a new member
 - ii) Jim Gascoyne Classification has been agreed as Cross-Cultural Trainer
 - iii) Club contact for 'Tools for Self-Reliance' is now Graham Bough.

12. Report on Burns Night – Stephen thanked to Peter, Sue, Gillie, Brenda and many others including Piper Ivan Brookes, and also thanks to Peter, Martin and Maxine for the entertainment. It was agreed by all present that it was a most enjoyable evening. The raffle made £205 for charity A/c, and overall the evening only incurred a small loss.

13. Centenary

- a) The 15th (!) Centenary planning meeting was held on 27th January 2022
- b) Centenary Party – as noted above is now 18/6/22 at the Cathedral Lodge which is offering better menu and facilities. Invitations are due to be sent out soon. Currently

the evening is forecasted to run at a loss of £400. The meeting has agreed to carry forward members payments received from original evening (unless members have specifically requested a refund).

- c) The Centenary Souvenir Card is currently being printed and will be available on 18th June 2022.
- d) Drinking Water Filling Point Project – Stephen reports that donations made by members will amount to £23k with Gifts Aid. Two quotations have been received for the Column. The technical specification has been approved by structural engineers. Thank you for your generous donations. Now preparing Viridor Credits application - deadline of 28th February for June decision. Special thanks again to Andrew Clague for all the work he has been doing in preparation of the project.

14. Pentangular May 2022

- a. Meeting held on 20th January 2022
- b. Programme now firm and arrangements made.
- c. Flyer to everyone next week. Registration forms to be sent out in mid Feb to Pentangular Clubs and Canterbury members.
- d. Both to be returned by 17th March and a decision will be taken as to whether to proceed with the weekend will be made on 1st April 2022

15. Millennium Scholarship Fund Report

- a. Roger reminded those present that the MSF makes grants to young people living in Canterbury going abroad on charitable projects
- b. Lockdown had stopped the programmes, but as international travel is starting to open up, Roger has sent out posters and information sheets to 30 organisations in Canterbury including schools and youth groups reminding them of the availability of these grants.
- c. In the interim, and under Clause 1B, the MSF can support other requests. It was agreed at the meeting to support a St Anslem's School pupil from a low-income family on school visit at the cost of £500.

16. Reports from Committees

- a. Fundraising – Dee via Alan reported that efforts are on-going. Next event charity film night on 8th March (see above).
- b. International – Viv reported on the following:
 - i. Tonga Disaster – it has taken time for assessments of what's needed. Both Shelterbox and Aquabox have been in contact with the New Zealand Government who are coordinating relief work and are not needed at present. VP noted that our Club has decided to will wait and see if specific requests are made and respond at that point.
- c. Community Service – Richard noted that support being given to community groups which have specific needs. The Committee is now looking a wider range of opportunities, such as Music for Change and are very happy to have ideas from members.

- d. Vocational – Mary reported that her committee had facilitated extra support for Pilgrims Way School from specialist teachers via personal contacts. The Primary School Writing Competition has been very successful.
Mock interviews being planned with Canterbury College in May.
- e. Membership – Martin nothing new to report.

17. Dates of next Club meetings

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| 9 th February | Centenary Day
11.00am Abode – Coffee
Evening Social Dinner 7.00pm for 7.30pm with a Toast Pavilion, Cricket Club |
| 15 th February | Lunch - Speaker Meeting in the Pavilion
'Conservation and Shooting'
Ben Palmer
Partners/Guests/Friend welcome |
| 22 nd February | Farm Visit
Lambing sheds and the sheep industry
Picnic Lunch
Warm clothes and Wellies
Details to follow
Partners/Guests/Friend welcome |
| 23 rd February | World Rotary Day |
| 28 th February | Club Council |
| 1 st March | Lunchtime Club Business Meeting at Cricket Club. |

18. Rotary the World over