

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the meeting of the Club Council on Monday, 25th July at 5 pm held at Tony Loughran's Home.

Agenda

1. Present Tony Loughran, Maxine Blades, Brian Donaldson, Jim Gascoyne, Peter Hermitage & Martin Ward.
2. Apologies – Stephen Thompson and Rosemary Doyle
3. Minutes of meeting held on 30th May 2022 were agreed.
 - a. Matters arising from the minute:
 - i. Purchase of video conferencing equipment – Martin to follow-up.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List – discussed and updated. Tony to follow up on outstanding messages.
5. President's Business
 - a. Emergency Contact form for trips and meetings – Maxine showed her Trefoil Emergency Card and noted that this was needed for Club members. The Council agreed to progress a Rotary version. Maxine to send headings to Peter, who will also look at sourcing a credit card sized wallet with the possibility of making a small charge enabling a contribution to Rotary Foundation.
 - b. Key post vacancies for 2022/2023
 - i) Vice President – Tony noted that this was still outstanding. He suggested that we should consider alternative models for roles and asked Peter to discuss with Regeneration Committee.
 - c. National Ukraine Day- see letter from Francis Hodge and email from DG. Council agreed that street collections have met this requirement and Tony will to reply to DG to this effect.
Request from District for £500 but commitments to DCS & CU are outstanding. Council agreed that if other funds available Tony will ask members if they want to support.
 - d. Task force re Club Records at K and C and at Brett's Chapel. Tony to ask for volunteers at Business Meeting with possible dates on Wednesday 24th. August. He will also ask Inner Wheel if they would be interested in helping.
 - e. Environmental Lead – Tony to ask for volunteer at BM.
 - f. Cost of Rotary and members comments. Initial discussion included:
 - i. Review of number and timings of meetings -possibly to two a month one afternoon/one evening
 - ii. Informal meetings in local pubs rather than Cricket Club.

- iii. Changes made in last two years including, more informal, delegation to service committees.
- iv. Development of visits/trips which seem to appeal to members and guests
- v. Perceptions of role President
- vi. Need to remember that we are a Rotary Club with the service element.
- vii. Role of speaker secretary – is it needed?
- viii. Limited number of members willing to take roles.
- ix. Peter reviewed new structure and it was suggested that if it is represented to club members.
- x. Possible cooperation/merger with other Canterbury Clubs
- xi. Corporate members and/or joint projects
- xii. Look at examples of more focused activities
- xiii. Looking at ways of involving adults from the wider community in our projects, including CCCU.
- xiv. Possibility of offering roles such as PE/VP on short term/pro-tem basis.

Moving forward – Peter noted that the ‘outstanding issues’ from the regeneration programme are still unresolved. Looking at ways of involving adults from the wider community in our projects. Peter to update regeneration materials to bring to next Council meeting.

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- g. Duck Race 11-9-22. Tony to ask members to leverage of contacts to maximise income for corporate ducks. Sheets available on 2nd August. Tony asking for corporate contacts. Jim suggested Association of Small Shop Keepers. Dee Mepstead is co-ordinating the race this year.
- h. Communication with members. Tony is concerned that the Club may be guilty of sending too much information out to members.
- i. Martin updated the Council on the creation of new email groups and how we can best use.
Tony looking to send out just one consolidated meeting arrangements email to members per month.

6. Cooperation with Local Clubs Report on Meeting 25th May 2022. Tony reported that the meeting had reviewed the Ukraine collection and plans are being made for Polio Day in October by a sub-group comprising Sunrise and RCC members.

7. President Elect Report

- a. Community Service Community not met.
- b. International
 - i) Mini Group Study Exchange (see below).

- c. Vocational – meeting held 25th July and report sent to Rosemary including Young Chef’s competition in November. Brian reported that Leigh Saunders has approached the Club regarding the Innovation Competition. Brian, Mary, and Tony have met with Leigh who has offered to fund projects for enterprise and Innovation. Brian also noted that QEGS are dropping F1 in Schools.
8. Mini Group Study Exchange – Martin reported that arrangements have been finalised for the two girls to attend the MGSE in St Quentin in August.
9. Fundraising for 2022-23
- i) Taste of the East- monies distribution to be completed once ST is back
 - ii) Duck Race
 - iii) Theatre Evenings in September – Peter to resend flyer send via Maxine.
 - iv) World Polio Day (as above)
 - v) 2023- ideas for event in Spring to top up funds – possibly a St Patrick’s Day celebration with Irish dancing.
10. Treasurer’s Report - Jim
- a. Finance report – balances as at 18th July from bank statement.
 - b. Handover from Kailash completed. Jim suggested that a vote of thanks be given to Kailash.
 - c. Bank Mandate update is problematic and delayed but Tony is following up.
 - d. EMS and Dining account - Jim to write to members asking them to review S/O’s. Maxine to continue booking in guests who will then pay on the door.
 - e. Purchase of Electronic Contactless Machine. Tony noted that it was needed for Duck race and other current cash transactions. The purchase of a Sum-up machine at £99 was agreed.
11. Recruitment – Martin
- a. Resignations - none
 - b. Other Prospective Members – Canterbury Christ Church University
12. Any other business
- a. Peter reported that for Canterbury Festival ‘Tenors Un Limited’ – Friday 28th October. He has reserved 15 tickets and 17 dinner places, and he will email members with this information.
 - b. Brian proposed a visit to Royal Courts of Justice.