

CANTERBURY ROTARY CLUB
MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 11:45 am by Zoom

Present: The President: Neil Fraser (NF). Rotarians: A Mepstead (AM), V Pritchard (VP), S Thompson (ST), M McGeary (MMcG), M Griffin (MG), L Norris (LN), B Anderson (BA), P Hermitage (PH), M Ward (MW).

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes), R Kemball- Cook (assisting with Zoom).

Apologies: T Loughran (TL), D Barton (DB).

Minutes of the Meeting of 25th February 2020: Approved.

Meeting on 24th March cancelled on government advice due to Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Matters Arising: None

2. Financial Report:

ST discussed the Annual Budget 2020\2021, previously e mailed to council members.

ST has assumed for calculation purposes that the Club will have 52 members by July 2020. The basis of using 52 members is a worst case, on the basis that the few members who have not attended this year may decide not to renew their membership of the Club.

ST suggested that the £1000 at present in the Presidents Charities Fund should be transferred to the Pentangular Fund. This was agreed unanimously, and MG was thanked for her understanding. Action: ST.

Update on urgent donation to POWYC agreed, to fund their packed lunch scheme to local families in need due to Covid 19 crisis. A donation of £1550 was agreed (£1000 from MSF, £300 from Presidents Charity Fund, and £250 from Community Committee fund). ST has signed indemnity form to arrange the transfer of funds. It was agreed that ST would write a letter to accompany the cheque to POWYC, specifying that this money is for charitable purposes, specifically for the costs incurred in the packed lunch delivery scheme. BA also requested that the Club receives copies of receipts for all food, expenses incurred by POWYC in providing the packed lunches. Action: ST.

3. District Grant Update:

BA confirmed that he had contacted Ralph Stanger over weekend, and had applied for a special District Grant, available from a fund specifically to help struggling individuals or families adversely affected by the pandemic. VP had completed the special application form requesting a DG for the POWYC packed lunch scheme. The DG of £780 has already been approved, and Club members will be informed today. Action: BA and VP.

4. Centenary Funding:

ST discussed funding concerns for the Clubs Centenary in 2022. A Drinking Water Fountain has been suggested, and funding this should not incur cost to the Club. It is hoped that grants and individual donations would be enough to fund the cost, possibly about £60,000. Andrew Clague has submitted a design, and members will be asked to comment.

Centenary funds will need to cover costs of celebrations, possibly a 1922 themed party, and another event as a fundraiser with entertainment to be held on a club evening meeting. Dependent on the costs, one event may be cancelled. ST reported a shortfall of £2870 in Centenary Fund at present. Action: ST and Centenary Committee.

5. Pentangular Funding:

ST stated concern about the shortfall in Pentangular funds, of approx. £7,640. Pentangular 2022 is a special occasion, as it marks the Clubs 50-year anniversary. There was a discussion about whether members would pay to attend events.

6. Mini Group Study Exchange:

MW stated that the cost is normally £1000 per year in order to build up funds, but only £677 is required this year. Discussed possible members subs will cost approx. £231 for 2020\21. MW thinks that the MGSE may be cancelled this year due to pandemic but has not heard from St Quentin. Action: MW (Agreed to write to St Quentin club to suggest the MGSE should be cancelled this year)

There was a discussion about whether MGSE funding should come from members subs. MW suggested that as the exchange programme is a charitable activity, it should be funded by the Club's charitable funds. Several Council members suggested that it could possibly be funded by the Millennium Scholarship Fund. It was agreed that this should be discussed with the Millennium Fund Trustees. NF suggested a Zoom conference call could be arranged for trustees. Action: NF agreed to write to MSF trustees.

6. AOB:

BA asked the club to match the DG for POWYC by £800. Required urgently.

VP has consulted members of the International Committee, and they have agreed to move their funds of approx. £800 to the general charity A/C, so the money can be used for local causes. Council agreed that the money from International could be used to match fund the DG. Action: ST and VP.

MMcG has consulted members of Vocational Committee and they have agreed that the money in their Fund, £562, should be kept there, as future events being planned.

Surplus on Juba Funding, as fewer students for 4th year now, briefly discussed. There should be a surplus of approx. £2000 according to VP, but nothing definite until January 2021.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 11.45 am by Zoom.