

**CANTERBURY ROTARY CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING**  
**on Tuesday 21st 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 Griffin (MG), L Norris (LN), B Anderson (BA), P Hermitage (PH), M Ward (MW), T Loughran (TL), D Barton (DL).

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

Apologies: M McGeary (MMcG).

Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Approved.

1. Matters Arising: None

**2. Presidents Business:**

NF asked when our Rotary club may be able to meet again in person. There was a general consensus that no meetings would likely to be possible for another 6 months at least. It was agreed that the club should try to hold weekly meetings on Zoom. VP pointed out that some members would need help and encouragement to use Zoom. MW has investigated the possibility of using Google Suite, which has some benefits. Charities can get free software. However, it will take time to set up, so Zoom should be used in the meantime.

PH has agreed to write a presentation, 'Zoom-The Musical', to help Rotarians access and use Zoom. All agreed this would be useful, and that regular club meetings on Zoom with a speaker should be arranged. Action- PH and NF.

3. POWYC donations:

NF reported that our club has now donated £3250 (which includes the District Grant) to POWYC , and 735 packed lunches for local families in need have been delivered this week.

4. Pentangular:

NF confirmed that the Leuven Club would like the 400 Euro payment from our club. This will be discussed further at the Pentangular meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Funds are available. Agreed to make payment when confirmed on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Action: NF and ST.

5. MGE and MSTF:

Following discussion about the funding of MGE from the Millennium Scholarship Fund, it was agreed that the Trustees need to agree to this formally. Action: NF to contact the Trustees, and seek a formal agreement.

6. Response from District:

NF reported that the District Governor had complimented our club on the rapid application of the District Grant and donation to POWYC, to help people in need due to the Pandemic. He also congratulated the club on an excellent website.

There was a brief discussion about the difficulty using the District's Website, particularly to update information on members of the club.

**7. Financial Update:**

ST is still trying to get various estimates for the Centenary and Pentangular costs in 2022. He cannot revise the Club's subscription charges until he gets a clearer idea about the likely cost of

these events. ST asked Council to agree for him to issue a cheque for £500, to book a venue at Port Lympe Wildlife Park as part of Pentangular events in 2022. The Council members all agreed that this venue should be booked now. Action: ST.

ST went through the Summary of Funds dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, which had been distributed. He stated that the Charity General Account has only £798 in it at this time. He has also added a Drinking Fountain Fund, as one member has made a generous donation of £5000 towards this fund.

BA discussed the Honey Bears Nursery Fund. He ran through the equipment donated to the Nursery to date. There is still £1100 left in the fund, of which £400 was donated by a Masonic Lodge. BA thinks it will be difficult to fundraise further this year, and we would be unlikely to raise the money to provide an expensive canopy for the outside space. In view of this it would be appropriate to return the £400 to the Masonic Lodge. The club would then have to decide what to do with the remaining money of £700.

VP suggested that the League of Friends may be able to help with fundraising in the future, for the work required to improve the outside space.

DC reported that the Nursery is shut due to the Pandemic, and she has not been able to contact Jane Flockhart, Manager of the Nursery.

Following a discussion, Council agreed to keep the Honey Bears money ring fenced, and to involve VP in any future discussions about Honey Bears fundraising. Action: BA, DC, VP, and ST.

BA suggested that money raised in the Raffle could be moved to the General Charity Fund, as Club members had already donated to Shelter Box recently.

ST reported that a total of £1300 could be available for charity donations, if the events security money was used as well.

#### 8. Fundraising:

There is no money left for District Grants at present.

Various ideas for fundraising were discussed. PH suggested a few ideas, such as setting up a Just Giving Account and asking friends to donate for POWYC. He also suggested that people might pay £10 to watch Zoom-The Musical, when it is available.

Members will also be contacted to confirm whether they would donate some, or all, of their dining money to the Charity Account, and this could then be gift aided.

Council agreed to set up a Just Giving Account. Action: PH, MG and ST.

#### 9. Secretary's Notes.

RKC confirmed that he would accept the position of Treasurer for next year. This was proposed by L. Norris and seconded by N. Fraser. This was carried unanimously by the Club Council.

ST to commence adding RKC as a bank signatory.

AGM.

LN said that the AGM should be held on 19th May. LN will prepare the nominations for Club roles, and will email all club members asking for further nominations and to agree the nominations. Amalgamated Club reports will also be required for AGM, which will be held on Zoom. Action: LN.

#### 10. AOB.

It was agreed that the Duck Race would not take place this year. The sponsors should be informed. Action: TL.

PH suggested investigating whether a 'virtual Duck Race' could be devised. Action: PH, RKC and VP.

Date of Next Meeting: Date to be confirmed. Meeting by Zoom.