

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 27th July 2020 at 18:00 Hours

Present: A. Mepstead (AM), V. Pritchard (VP), S. Thompson (ST), L. Norris (LN), R Anderson (RA), P. Hermitage (PH), M. Ward (MW), D. Barton (DB), M. McGeary (MMG), R. Kemball-Cook (RKC) .

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking Minutes

Apologies: N. Fraser (NF)

Minutes of the meeting of 22nd June 2020: Approved

1 .Matters Arising

None

2. President's Business

AM requested that any requests for amendments to draft Club Council minutes should be sent to AM, LN and CL.

Compliance statement signed and returned by AM.

1st Meeting of Regeneration and Retention focus group has taken place. Follow up meeting planned for 3rd August 2020. PH stated that there must be clear objectives of what the club wants to achieve. Looking at Rotary "Light" membership to attract new members. Will be discussed with club at next Business Meeting on 4th August 2020.

Fundraising targets to be based around requirements from committees. VP, DB and MMG have identified areas of expenditure.

Permission granted to Tim Brett to restructure Awards Committee. Reduction in number of members to 3 or 4. Tim Brett will advise those affected.

Visit to St Quentin in September is unlikely to go ahead if Covid-19 restrictions still in place. ST will contact St Quentin and report back on the current situation.

RIBI has cancelled all face to face meetings until December 2020 at the earliest. Any meetings planned by Canterbury Rotary Club during this period would be subject to individual risk assessments. This will include the planned outdoor event (Macbeth) in September. PH dealing.

The Arts and Craft Fair will now take place on 25th April 2021.

3. Financial Report

RKC has circulated a proposal to change to on-line banking. Checks will be in place to track payments and provide a full audit trail. Payments over £100 would need Club Council approval. System will operate with 1 signature only. Cheques still available where no other option. ST asked RKC to look at small payments for services such as

Web site and one- off events. RKC will create on line banking process and will seek approval from Club Council.

4. Disbursement of Charity Funds

VP has created a paper about the disbursement of all club charitable funds.

DB stated that the focus of the Community Service Committee will remain on local charities and small payments to individuals.

Each committee needs to forecast the budget required as funds limited. Known costs can then be planned into expenditure for the year. RKC suggested that our main focus should be on supporting local charities during the current Covid crisis and this was agreed. It was also agreed that fund raising should be targeted at more specific charities as this would generate more public support. Nevertheless, we should not lose sight of the fact that Rotary is an International organisation.

AM stated that a plan should be presented to the club for approval based on needs identified by Committees. This will be discussed by the Regeneration focus group. Output will be shared at the Business meeting on 4th August 2020.

5. District Grant Application

VP is working on an application for a Global Grant in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Dhaka, Bangladesh. This is to improve Covid testing for cancer patients in the hospital to enable them to proceed with their treatment. Julie Reza is planning to raise £500 from her contacts. Canterbury Rotary Club commitment would be £1k resulting in a total of £1.5k. VP authorised to make a commitment to Dhaka Rotary Club for £1.5k.

6. Honey Bears

RA stated that Honey Bears cannot restart until the hospital is certified as Covid free. He requested that £1700 is held in the name of Honey Bears against possible future spend on chairs. A sum of £1125 can be released to the General Charity Account.

7. Items Arising from Committees

A discussion took place about money that is available to spend now. RA asked about the Raffle money. This will be used to meet the requirements of International, Vocational and Community Service committees.

MMG requires money for Vocational Committee for

- Innovation Competition prize- £400-500
- Primary School Writing Competition prizes-£400
- Public Speaking competition refreshments-£100

MMG to submit written request detailing events, amounts required and associated timescales.

Any monies remaining at the end of the Juba project will be spent on bursaries as previously agreed.

8. Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th August at 18:00 via Zoom