

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 18:00 Hours**

Present: A. Mepstead (AM) N. Fraser (NF), S. Thompson (ST), L. Norris (LN), R. Anderson (RA), P. Hermitage (PH), M. Ward (MW), D. Barton (DB), M. McGeary (MMG), R. Kembell-Cook (RKC), Tony Loughran (AL) .

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking Minutes

Apologies: V. Pritchard (VP)

Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020: Approved

#### **1 .Matters Arising**

None

#### **2. President's Business**

AM confirmed that the visit to St Quentin is now cancelled.

AM confirmed cancellation of Rotary Christmas Dinner in December.

VP has circulated proposal for District Grant application.

Request for funding of prizes for Vocational Committee approved.

#### **3. Financial Report**

RKC stated that 53 members paid for 2020/2021. 4 Outstanding but expected to pay. Budget forecast at 55 so target met.

ST stated that any monies transferred from members dinning accounts to the Charity account require an email approved by the member stating the amount to be transferred and the gift aid status for audit purposes.

A sum of £672.50 in gift aid has been received from members donations to Shelterbox and Foodbank during lockdown. A cheque will be issued to Shelterbox shortly. Council agreed to hold the Foodbank funds until later in the year once the Foodbank identifies a specific funding area requirement.

Current weekly raffle balance is £687.71. Proposed special request for members approval to direct to a Covid related project run by Rotary Club of Dhaka. Project cost is \$ 76000 to cover the setting up of a Covid testing facility in a public cancer hospital. Rotary Club of Canterbury will be donating £4,500 made up of £1000 from Club funds, £3000 District and Global Grants and £500 being raised by Julie Reza. Once face to face meetings resume the weekly raffle proceeds will revert to existing arrangements.

£1,700 to be ring fenced for Honey Bears, this to be reviewed on a regular basis.

LN requested Financial Summary to revert to previous format. RKC agreed to change.

NF raised concerns about extension to Juba Project. Project end date should be Feb 2021. Additional funding is scope creep as would extend the project. Balance of money is comprised of individual member donations and funding from other Pentangular Clubs. PH suggested that £600 monies donated by Club members should go to Juba. The remainder should be returned to the Pentangular Clubs.

#### **4. Charity Auction and Distribution of Funds**

Auction raised £2365 plus a £125 generous donation from a Club Member

An additional generous donation of £500 was received from another Club Member.

Club Council approved proceeds from auction and donations to be allocated as follows

£1k Prince of Wales Club

£1k Foodbank

£500 Community Service

The Balance will be retained for future distribution as necessary.

RKC to liaise with Brian Dobinson regarding reclaiming Gift Aid on the auction proceeds.

#### **5. Crocuses and World Polio Day**

AL is selling Crocuses for the Polio campaign. He is seeking permission to plant the bulbs in the Westgate Gardens in a plot managed by the Umbrella Centre.

#### **6. Honorary Membership**

Previous candidates considered for honorary membership have paid their fees for this year so this is not required at present.

#### **7. Items Arising from Committees**

DB submitted a statement on the role of the Community Service Committee and its plan for allocating funds.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

Approval given for Leave of Absence for RA during September.

PH will issue a paper on regeneration.

LN requested cut off of 23<sup>rd</sup> September for Agenda items next month.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 18:00 via Zoom**