

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 25th January 2021 at 18:00 Hours

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

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking Minutes

Apologies: N. Fraser (NF)

Minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2020: Approved

1. Matters Arising

Sidney Denham has been appointed deputy lead for the Voluntary Services Partnership. He will support Crispin Rampling.

PH has circulated a copy of the Regeneration paper to all club members. A presentation of the paper was also made to Sunrise Rotary Club.

Agreement on collaboration between three Canterbury Rotary clubs on fundraising for charities such as Catching Lives.

2. President's Business

Following consultation with Council Members by e-mail AM had approved request of £600 to fund books for Spires Academy in order to support children who are having reading problems. This donation will generate an additional £360 of free books.

AM reported that in September, he had received a request from Chris Barnett, President of Sunrise. Sue Johnson who is the Kids Out Ambassador for District 1120 had requested the three Rotary Clubs in Canterbury to jointly contribute £475 (£160 each) for Kids Out Christmas Boxes and AM had agreed our share to be paid.

Honorary membership under consideration for a long-standing member of the club by awards committee.

The English Speaking Union Public Speaking competition will take place by Zoom on 2nd February 2021. Number attending will be limited.

3. Financial Report

RKC took the committee through the Charity account summary to the end of December 2020. Members donations from dinning account are now allocated to nominated charities and will be paid as soon as possible. This is in addition to the 5 x £400 Cheques presented to charities in December 2020 which are from the Charity General Account. A number of queries relating to gift aid were resolved. Where members have not declared their intentions then they will be reimbursed the balance on their account.

AL requested money from Crocus sales is transferred to District Foundation.

VP confirmed latest payment made to Juba.

Application for District Designated Funds for JPP4 may be required. AL will confirm with St Quentin and report back.

RKC will consult Roger Clarke (Accounts Auditor) about Gift Aid. He will report back to the committee in 3 months.

It was agreed that any declared gift aid will go into the Charity General Account for distribution by Club Council. Major projects to be considered by Club Council.

4. Honey Bears

RA confirmed £1k donation to Honey Bears from The Masonic lodge United Industries can be used for projects related to children in Canterbury. Notification of where the money is spent will be required.

5. Rising Sun

Rising Sun Charity is refurbishing a house in Canterbury for women and babies requiring sheltered accommodation. £500 requested plus £500 matching District Grant required for child safety gate. AM approved £500. DB will apply for matching district grant.

6. Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd February 2021 at 18:00 via Zoom