

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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), P. Hermitage (PH), N. Fraser (NF), M. Blades (MB), K. Maunick (KM)

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking Minutes

Apologies: None

Minutes of the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021: Approved

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

No volunteers for RIBI Carer Project.

Zoom meeting with Pentangular clubs was very successful.

St Quentin Rotary Club has provided an update on JPP4. St Quentin will pair with the Chisinau Rotary Club in Moldova on a project to improve the diagnostics and treatment of hearing loss in neo-natal and young children. They have applied for a global grant in Moldova. If successful there will be a total of \$93.2k available for the project.

Awaiting response from Community Service Committee regarding repurposing of the Masonic Lodge donation of £1k previously intended for Honey Bears. RKC asked that consideration be given to the Rising Sun. BA asked that consideration be given to St Nicholas school for the disabled. A reminder that the Lodge has asked that this money be used for the benefit of Children in the Canterbury Area

Community Service donation to Parkside Primary school for Busters Books is pending and awaiting update from Harry Cragg.

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

The cricket club will be available for meetings from 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 subject to no further changes in Government restrictions. MW requested that he should be informed of the confirmed dates and any changes to costs so that the Event Management System (EMS) can be updated. Expected flat rate meal cost will be £15.95. Charge to members needs to be agreed.

A Murder Mystery evening is planned for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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

RKC reported that Whitstable Rotary Club had been successful in getting a District grant to provide additional funding for children's safety gates to be installed at the new

the Rising Sun project in Wincheap. This money has been received into the Canterbury Rotary club account.

MB advised that Rotary International has created an additional category for global grants. This is child and maternal health.

£908 of unallocated fund is in the charity account.

RKC still working on reclaiming Gift Aid. Additional £2.3K in recoverable gift aid will be available.

Pentangular budget has a shortfall of £2k. Some of the deficit can be made up using surplus from forecasted spend not used due to pandemic. This is comprised of £345 General account, £525 Subscriptions and £826 from 100 Club. Special events may also be held to boost funding for Pentangular. This will be put to members at the Business meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Provided that £1400 from the surplus in the Club Accounts is agreed to be transferred to the Pentangular account the proposed subscriptions for 2021-22 are £175 plus optional £15 for Foundation.

Propose changes to the bank mandate. Addition of new signatories AM, KM, MB, AL. Removal of PH, MW, LN, NF and Margaret Griffin.

ST experiencing problems with Nat West bank. KM and ST will investigate alternative providers.

#### **4. 100 Club**

A discussion took place regarding the future of the 100 club. Number of participants has declined. ST will consult Graham Bough and set up a subcommittee to discuss options and report back to council.

#### **5. District Assembly**

The District assembly will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May. ST will attend along with other Key club officers for 2021-22.

#### **6. Vice President Vacancy**

A vacancy has occurred for the role of Vice President. ST looking for a volunteer to fill the role.

#### **7. Format of Future Rotary Meetings**

The use of video conferencing technology during the pandemic has been successful. Future meetings could be engineered so that a conferencing option may be included.

MW, ST and PH looking at solutions that would enable this functionality. Club council authorised a feasibility test.

ST and PH have been working on a new structure for future Club Council meetings. One elected member will be included along with club officers. Selection will be co-ordinated by LN via email.

## **8. Business Meeting**

Items to be included in the next Business meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

RKC to present accounts

PH to explain use of multi-media meetings incorporating Zoom and face to face presentations

RKC on award of District Grants

ST on future of 100 Club

AM and VP to provide update on JPP4

ST The proposal to transfer £1400 from the surplus in the Club Accounts to the Pentangular Account

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 18:00 via Zoom**