

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Meeting of the Club Council on Monday, 25th April 2022 at 6pm via Zoom

1. Present: Stephen, Tony, Maxine, Alan, Peter, Martin & Brian
2. Apologies: Rosemary Doyle, Kailash
3. Minutes of meeting held on 28th March 2022 - agreed
 - a. Matters arising not covered elsewhere
 - i. Purchase of video conferencing equipment – Martin reported that this is in hand.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List – all in hand
5. President's Business
 - a. Ukraine Collections – next steps
 - i. Additional donations
 - ii. Meeting with JT, SN, DM and VP to be held on 27/4/22
 - b. Drinking Water Filling Point – update – Stephen
 - i. Issue of three quotations – Andrew following up and third quotation anticipated by 28th April for Maxine to upload to Viridor.
 - c. Centenary Party – Invitation returns update –
 - i. Maxine – chasing 'pink' reply slips by sending out list of those who have accepted and asking anyone else who wants to attend to contact her by 5th May. Maxine will then handover file to Alan who has kindly agreed to compile seating plan.
 - ii. Drink – TL asked for budget which Stephen will advise.
 - d. Pentangular – update – Stephen/Tony/Maxine
 - i. Accommodation and DP's – Tony & Maxine
 - I. All hosts/hotels book
 - II. Programme for Saturday am to confirm –looking to finish for 3pm so that visitors can return to hosts and relax before dinner.
 - III. Sunday programme is still being considered – meeting with Joey to be arranged.
 - IV. Members being chased by Maxine to confirm attendances at the different events
 - V. Final meeting at ST's to confirm details to be held on 5th May.

- VI. Martin liaising with CCCU hospitality – seating plan to be done.
- VII. PH noted parking for coach could be Rugby Club or possibly next to Augustine House.
- e. Key post vacancies for 2022/2023 – Tony reported on the following:
 - i) Treasurer – post for 2022/2023 still vacant but looking at offering possible finance support from new team, and members making better use of EMS
 - i. Martin noted that EMS may need updates so these need to be specified including members updating standing order rates
 - ii. Stephen noted that the Treasurer role needed filling for AGM as key officer role otherwise Club is not properly constituted.
 - iii. Possible outsourcing of Treasurer role was discussed. Maxine agreed to contact Achieving Clarity to get an indicative price. Stephen noted that outsourcing would need to be agreed at Business Meeting on 3/5/22. Council then discussed the following related issues:
 - 1. Impact of this on budget
 - 2. Constitutional issues
 - 3. Scrutiny of Trust and club accounts was going to be Alistair this year but need to appoint and/or pay. Peter noted Beverley Aitken was District Treasurer who might help . Other names suggested Richard Davis.

Vice President- still vacant – refer to Business Meeting

- 6. Club Risk Assessments – Stephen has discussed these with Raj who has ‘generic’ documentation, and most venue’s have their own RA’s which can be accessed by visiting groups, but there is a need for RA’s to be tailored for special events/visits etc. Maxine noted the need for an emergency contact form when members are away from home, and she will forward the TG form. RA for Barge Trip – Brian to follow-up with boat owners Pentangular RA’s Stephen to notify Raj.
- 7. Leuven Global Grant Scholarship – ST reported that this has been cancelled.
- 8. Cooperation with Local Clubs Report- Next Meeting 25th May 2022
- 9. President Elect Report – Tony reported:

Vocational committee

The Committee met on Tuesday 19th of April.

Senior writing competition.

23 entries were received and the prize winning entries came from Dover girls Grammar School, Invicta Academy, Kent College and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School.

The committee will discuss the future of the senior writing competition later this year

Innovation competition

Presentations and final judgement will take place on Wednesday, the 29th of June at Christchurch University.

Mock Interviews

14 people have signed up to help the interviews which will take place on May 4

Outside events

Brian Dobinson has been in touch with Robert Boyd-Hall with a view to arranging a picnic afternoon in July at his farm in Lenham.

International Committee

The Committee met on April 12th

Completed Projects

New Life Nyambene – cheque for donation sent and email expressing thanks received.

Shelterbox for Yemen – cheque sent

District Grant – confirmation received that the application for grant for Eye Surgery Camps in Bangladesh was successful. VP to ask Treasurer to transfer funds to RC Dhaka asap

Current Projects

Ukraine – Cheque for £7,212.88 sent to the DEC following joint fundraising by the three local clubs. The appeal will remain open for the time being, pending decision by the three clubs on focus for the next phase of Rotary's humanitarian support. The president is trying to set up a meeting with the other clubs on this. Options could include financial support for refugee families in the Canterbury area. A local charity Canterbury Welcomes Refugees is active and may be an effective approach. GB also explained Canterbury Rugby Club's initiative to transport essential equipment to Ukraine.

Dhaka Projects –

JR has received confirmation that further Eye Surgery camps are proposed during the coming year. District grant application will propose up to 25 new operations.

Proposal from RC Dhaka Mavericks to construct an Octagreen House has been deferred for a short while. We will await further information.

Desalination Project –

JR/VP have circulated information about RC Dhaka's project for global grant submission, including a video link. Project proposes installing a special water system in 7 villages, following a successful pilot project. There was interest in joining in as an international partner club but the level of funding contribution would likely be modest. In principle, it was agreed that a club contribution of £1000 could be offered. In addition, JR would attempt to raise (say) £200. Then an application would need to be submitted for District Designated Funds as part of the Global Grant process. JR to check RC Dhaka's proposed timings for the grant application; hopefully, this will allow more time to secure the necessary club funds.

Aquabox –

We have supported them in the past. Their main role is to provide robust hand-pumped water filters for disaster areas so that people can have access to clean, safe water for drinking, cooking and washing. They are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year since being set up by Rotary Club of Wirksworth, so they are encouraging a series of sponsored walks across the country. They suggest the walk should have a water theme, so should take place along a river or the seaside. It was agreed that the committee could organise a walk some time in the summer, possible involving the three local clubs. This idea to be considered at our next meeting.

Community Service

Updates on CSC target charities

St Nicholas' School – Sidney reported that he was not sure, and not had invoice, if planned visit to Wingham Wildlife Park has taken place as it may have been cancelled due to the bad weather at end of term 4.

- i. Agreed to hold £200 for potential summer trip (now completed) .

PWYC – Richard briefed the committee that PWYC have been offered some premises, probably in Whitefriars for 'NEETS'. Richard to keep Committee updated if any request for funding.

RYLA – John reported that hoping the two girls from Stelling Minnis will be available for October-Maxine to check with parents. Tony noted that Sunrise also has two vacancies for October and are talking to Archbishop's School and will let us know progress.

Foodbank – Richard noted that funds returned as other charity money received by the Foodbank, so this item is now completed.

Ad hoc requests

Donation Request from Clarion Housing – Domestic Violence/Tenants sustainability

Richard noted that we are already supporting other refuge situations

Jubilee Parties

Thanington – Richard briefed the Committee on Jim Gascoyne's request. Agreed £300. John had previously asked if we could look at other organisations, and this support of Thanington will help extend our reach. Kailash to raise cheque.

MS Treatment Centre – Oxygen Gas Chamber request £1000

Andrew noted previous support for MS Centre but is concerned that therapy is controversial. Agreed £300 donation. Kailash to raise cheque.

10. Vice President Report – Rosemary

I have only received reports from Roger Power and Graham Bough so far.

Roger Power has had contact with John Bobba, Nan Miller and Leslie Stephenson regarding their Standing Orders for lunches, and has also received a cheque from Alastair Scott. Roger will send out a request to members in the summer asking everyone to update their Standing Orders to bring them more in line with average costs.

Graham Bough, 100 Club, reports that the next draw for a single prize of £100 will take place at the June business meeting. There are currently 39 paid-up members, with 63 numbers in the draw.

If I hear from anyone else, I will forward their report.

11. Treasurer's Report – Kailash had submitted accounts and commentary for April.

a. Finance report –

- i. Maxine noted that cheques requested by CSC don't appear so will follow up.
- ii. Otherwise, no queries

b. Transfers to Charity a/c

c. Gift Aid – RKC needs discussion with KM.

- d. Replacement Dining Accounts Scrutineer (see above)

12. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Other Prospective Members – none at present.

13. AGM Preparation – 17th May 2022

- a. Budget for the Year 2022/2023 – Tony presented his initial budget for 2022/2023 which was discussed by the Council and the following points were noted
 - i. Assumption of 50 members was reviewed as it was suggested that this might be high given health issues etc of some members
 - ii. It was suggested that a review of the aims and operations of the different 'Youth' activities e.g. MSF, MGSE, RYLA be undertaken next year to see if the current arrangements are effective in supporting relevant activities.
 - iii. Pentangular provision for 2027 – Discussion looked at £3K pa or £2.5Kpa – agreed to keep at £3K
 - iv. Meal levy – a proposal to add £1 extra to each meal to help keep subs down was discussed but rejected on the basis of transparency.
- b. Agree Subscriptions 2022/2023 – Tony noted that budget estimate was that subs would be £189 based on the Pentangular component at £3k. This was agreed.
- c. Honorary Memberships 2022/2023
 - i. Awards Committee – retain Lord Carey & Lord Mayor, and possibly add David Naumann.

14. Business Meeting items for agenda – Maxine and Stephen to review.

15. Club Programme

- a. Business Meeting – 3rd May
- b. Dinner Meeting 10th May – Speaker on North Downs – martin asked Stephen for details to add to EMS
- c. AGM 17th May
- d. Canterbury Bowling Club 24th May – Introduction to Bowling
- e. Club Council meeting 30th May
- f. Taste for East 31st May – Guests welcome, flyer to be produced shortly

16. Any other business:

- a. Maxine noted that RGB&I produced Years of service certificates from 15 years onwards so should the Club look to adopting any of these as 'standard'.
Maxine to follow this up with Awards Committee.