

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the of the Club Council to be held on Monday, 26th September at Rosemary Doyle's home,
starting at 1700

1. Present: Rosemary Doyle, Jim Gascoyne, Martin Ward, Brian Dobinson, Maxine Blades
2. Apologies – Stephen Thompson, Peter Hermitage, Tony Loughran & Alan Mepstead
3. Minutes of meeting held on 29th August 2022- approved.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
 - i. District Council Meeting/voting – Maxine explained that the meeting had not been quorate, so votes have been taken by email. Maxine will forward the minutes of the meeting when they are received.
 - ii. Mini Group Study Exchange – Martin reported that the exchange visit has been successful. Everyone enjoyed the visit with the girls reporting that they enjoyed it and French organisers have said how pleased they were with them. It has been provisionally agreed for the girls to come and talk to the club on 18th or 25th October.
 - iii. Meeting with Canterbury BID – Tony and Rosemary to confirm date.
 - iv. Meeting, Leven 7th/8th October – Brian Tony and Rosemary to attend.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List – attached. Outstanding items are marked with **.

5. President's Business – Tony emailed the following:

- a. Pentagular- as advised I have sent Erik V our paper prepared by Peter. He was going to ask other clubs for their initial proposals ahead of the meeting in Leven. Not heard anything yet but will chase on my return from holiday. Also, I will ask for a heads up on status of JPP problems regarding Moldavia and Surinam.

The Council noted the following:

- i. Club members still very positive about the co-operation
 - ii. Some suggestions from Club – costs/complexity of visits
 - iii. Improve communications on JPP's to keep members better informed.
- b. St Quentin visit - no more coming forward so at 17 a coach won't work economically. Will ask again at Business Meeting 4/10.
- c. I had cluster meeting 11/9 with local clubs. Nothing substantive to report. The best way forward for us remains to work with other local clubs on Polio + , Young Chef Competition and Santa float
- d. Vacant VP position. We still must review outputs of July Council meeting. With myself, Peter and Stephen, I suggest that we hold over to October.
- e. Finances - Jim will report (see below). For my part, a great thank you to Jim and Graham for their work on the accounts. Very pleasing to see monies sent to DEC, Aquabox and Shelterbox. Plus, monies to Dhaka.
- f. We still have monies to Distribute for Taste of the East. In view of delay to Duck race propose we hold over to October meeting. Committees still have monies to distribute and there is extra in the General Fund. The indications are that the Duck Race will give us a good buffer for the months ahead and meet commitment to JPP 5. I don't propose another

large event until Spring 2023 so will need to look at what committees will want to spend. We have strategic plan spending covered so remain in a strong position.

- g. There remains a surplus on Centenary party. We had mooted about using as celebration for the fountain. Area for discussion but my own view is that we should use for good causes.
- h. I'd like to give Dee a gift for all the work she has done on the duck race. Could we canvass for ideas? Committee suggested that this is a personal decision for Tony.
- i. Finally - as per minutes of last meeting there was the points raised by Brian on charitable giving. I am happy for this to be discussed.

The overall Strategic plan gives autonomy to the committees to make their own decisions over above the ones noted in the plans for their own Committee which is control by PE who oversees their activities. The website notes on how we distribute is one that we have adhered to for many years. We are not limited to giving to a charity but perhaps a did it on what is 'charitable giving May be the best place to start.

My own view is that unless we are not complying legally with our trust position, I would not change what we do. We are responsible with what we give.

Council's view is that most of the time we comply with charity requirements. Rosemary Doyle to organise meeting with Committee Chairs to clarify charitable objectives and help ensure compliance.

- 6. Cooperation with Local Clubs – plans for Polio Day in October - see extra email – to be held on 24th October with the lighting up St Dunstan's Church. Reference will also be made at 25th October Club lunch.
- 7. President Elect Report – Rosemary
 - a. Community Service – MB briefed CC on most recent Committee meeting. One issue of concern is the future of RYLA as no candidates proposed by any club in District. District Committee are to discuss this and make recommendations. CSC will await the District recommendations.
 - b. International – As per Tony's note above – Rosemary confirmed payments made.
 - c. Vocational – Young Chef at Archbishop's School 5th November in conjunction with Sunrise. Brian noted his concern at limited provision for only eight competitors and other aspects of the competition organisation.
- 8. Fundraising for 2022-23
 - i) Theatre Evenings in September – MSND very pleasant evening raising for Club funds £260
 - ii) World Polio Day - see above
 - iii) 2023- ideas for event in Spring to top up funds
 - i. Jim Objective? Fun/
 - ii. Sources of funding members/public
 - iii. Replacement of TCK or supermarkets
 - ii. Suggest part of Regeneration Committee brief - refer to the RGC
 - iii. As Dee had resigned there is now a need to review the Fundraising Committee strategy
- 9. Treasurer's Report – Jim Spreadsheet

- a. Finance report – balances as per spreadsheet/summary – which are accepted by the Council. Items of interest:
 - i. Sedexco outstanding invoices now paid £2K
 - ii. £2000 in dining account 'surplus'.
 - iii. 100 Club – Jim recommended a look at membership.
 - iv. Duck Race appears to have raised £5500
 - v. Auditor – Richard Davies querying auditing 2021/22 Jim and Tony to check if the end of year accounts have been presented for auditing.
- b. Handover from Kailash – completed (auditing query)
- c. Bank Mandate update – Nat West – signatories are being updated. EB still not available.
- d. EMS and Dining account – Trips and 'awayday's for members are now paid via EMS. Monthly auditing of Dining Account now been undertaken as is chasing of members not paying sufficient standing orders

10. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations - none
- b. Prospective Members – three recent enquiries all acknowledged by Martin, and one of these came to Duck Race, and will be coming to a social meeting. Martin following -up the other enquiries.
- c. CCCU corporate membership- Martin to follow up.

11. Update of marketing/membership materials

- a. Martin noted leaflets new 'Rotary in Canterbury' and that we need new banners
- b. Need to consider 'pro-active' distribution at events
- c. Maxine suggested that Council review on branding 'Rotary in Canterbury' at next Council Meeting

12. Club Programme

- a. 4th October – Business Meeting
- b. 11th October – Quiz with Fish & Chips
- c. 18th October – MGSE presentations
- d. 25th October – Fellowship
- e. 28th October – Canterbury Festival Dinner and Concert

13. Any other business

- a. Paul Harris Fellowships – Maxine noted that where individual members contributions reach \$1000 a PHF is now sent directly to the individual.
- b. Marie Curie 15th October at Morrisons – Rosemary to send request for members help with this to Maxine for circulation to members.