

**Rotary Club of Canterbury**  
**Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at Martin's home.**  
**Minutes**

1. Attendance: President Tony Loughran(T), President Elect Rosemary Doyle (RD), Secretary Maxine Blades (MB), Peter Hermitage (PH), Graham Bough (Finance Manager) GB, Stephen Thompson (ST), Brian Dobinson (DB) and Martin Ward (MW).
2. Apologies – Jim Gascoyne (represented by GB)
3. Minutes of meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 were agreed.
  - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
    - i. Meeting with Canterbury BID - RD in touch with BID and will progress this.
    - ii. Meeting with committee chairs re definition of charitable giving - still pending
4. Correspondence
  - a. Maxine's List – to follow
5. President's Business
  - a. St Quentin visit – TL reported. Excellent visit, where we were warmly received and well looked after. Day trip to Laon was interesting. Saturday Dinner and lunch on Sunday were excellent. ST Q reported that some members have moved away but they have some new joiners. ST Q meet once a fortnight. St Q will be joining Zoom carols on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.
  - b. Young Chef Competition – TL reported that this went well and thanked the Vocational Committee. Competitors enjoyed the experience. Possibility to repeat with Archbishops School who supported the competition and will done so again if asked.
  - c. The Point – WBFP – update from meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> November – ST reported on Centenary Committee Meeting discussions of issues and concerns around the sub lease, reinstatement bond, water, design and engineering, construction programme, water dispensing, access, logo and lettering, sponsor panels, Rotary signage requirements and about getting the main purpose of the WBFP over to the public via a QR code to link back to RCC website. Health & Safety risk assessment and contactor agreements. TL asked about who funds the bond – usually taken out by contactor who would then bill us. Meeting to be held with Canterbury City Council.
  - d. Xmas Party/Dinner – update MB reported 51 guests with several members to chase.
  - e. Funding Requests – TL clarified that requests from individual schools have been redirected to Foodbank. TL asked RD asked to chase up referrals sent to RCK, including requests for help from McMillian and Demelza.
  - f. SGM update – Agenda and last year's minutes have been sent out to members. Maxine standing as PE but would prefer presidential year for 2025/6 but will do 2024/5 if needed. Rosemary has had some replies for her request for volunteers for roles which she will review.
  - g. TL reported that talks to start with Sunrise about a possible merger. Meeting with Sunita, members of Sunrise and TL RD & MB meeting to be organised.
  - h. Succession planning and regeneration – next meeting of Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> December 11 am at PH's. Maxine invited to join the Committee and will attend next meeting.
  - i. January District Meeting – any items for the agenda? None – MB to confirm to J Dunkley.
  - j. TL noted that JPP5 Liden were due to have visitors from Surinam but cancelled. Video of MSGE student, TL to send out update for JPP4 ST Q Moldova which is running well

6. Cooperation with Local Clubs –
  - a. Santa Float update – Emails have been sent those taking part.
  - b. Young Chefs Competition – above.
7. President Elect Report – Rosemary report

## **President-Elect's Report to Club Council, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Vocational Committee**

#### **1. The Young Chef Competition**

This competition was held on Saturday 5th November and had 6 participants. Working in partnership with Canterbury Sunrise Rotary Club was a success. It was organised by Rotary District, but they were felt to be rather unhelpful.

#### **2. Mentoring**

Career mentoring interviews were held at Canterbury College on Wednesday 3rd November and went well.

#### **3. Primary Writing Competition.**

Good interest from schools. Closing date 9th December - all entries will be collected from the schools . Judging begins in early January .

### **International Committee**

Funding to RC Dhaka for Eye surgery project and desalination has been delayed due to banking problems.

Raj has contacted Imperial College regarding a project which make water bottles from seaweed. They are also exploring cleft palate surgery in Mauritius via the Grande Baie club there, and Octagreen buildings and science books for Dhaka in Bangladesh.

Raj has expressed his concern about attendance at committee meetings, with a number of members failing to turn up.

### **Community Services Committee**

MB provided copy of recently agreed CSC minutes from 1st November meeting. Cheque for £500 handed to Rising Sun Children Clubs at their AGM. Cheque for £400 given to PH to take to PWYC's AGM for Xmas party. TL asked that he is advised if St Nicholas School don't take up their donation. MB noted that District has placed RYLA on hold due to lack of participants.

8. Fundraising for 2022-223
  - a. 2023- ideas for event in Spring to top up funds
    - i. 14<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick's Night TL to contact Sunrise & Forest of Blean.
    - ii. May meal/activity was discussed with a possible event linked to the Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
9. Treasurer's Report – Graham reported on behalf of Jim who is unwell.
  - a. Finance report – balances circulated. GB asked if format of report sufficient. ST noted that format is appropriate and well received. Query with Trust Fund section to be reviewed.
  - b. Bank Mandate update application – TL progressing
  - c. EMS and Dining account – accruing for Sodexo invoices which will be signed off on 29<sup>th</sup> November
  - d. GB concern that in last two weeks stewards not counting correctly. Suggestion that an experienced 'senior' steward be appointed to oversee process.

- e. ST Q visit shows £50 loss due to FX rates. ST Proposed this be written off against Pentangular Fund in Club Account and this was agreed.
- f. ST asked about balance for Mid Summers Night's Dream - £130 to Sunrise and £130 to Charity Account.
- g. St Duck Race balance – there are some outstanding bills which Graham is chasing. TL noted that when confirmed balance would transfer to Club Charity account.
- h. Dining Account – JG/GB will chase those owing.
- i. Cricket Club staff Xmas tip - £200 cash.
- j. Accounts examination – draft accounts submitted to Richard Davies. Additional information needed.
- k. ST requested that annual accounts be sent to Club Council before SGM.
- l. TL expressed thanks to GB for work done on the various elements of the Club accounts -.
- m. TL asked about wine purchase for raffle and donations and gifts for speakers. 29<sup>th</sup> November for Guide Dogs for the Blind £150 cheque agreed.
- n. TL asked Sailor Ted -prize awarded at end of the year based on closest guess.
- o. ST – need signatures agreed for next Rotary year – starting now. Proposal to change banks especially the Trust accounts.GB noted WBFP. On agenda for January meeting.
- p. MW noted that he has purchased a replacement laptop and related equipment as agreed and needs reimbursing for £591, he will email GB. Payment approved. (ST confirmed that this should be made from the general fund).

#### 10. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations – MW following up with Irina Marta & Roger Hickman coming on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Nothing from Rupert Bain. Keith Coles to be invited for 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- b. Other Prospective Members – need to look outside and run campaign with local organisations – will take ideas to RC. ST campaign to put money aside and write to all organisations with date for reception/possibly a satellite club.

#### 11. Update of marketing/membership materials - January

#### 12. GB reminded that the 100 Club draw needs to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 13. AOB

- a. MB noted need to identify new Honorary members – MB and JG will advise the awards committee of members not renewing due to ill health next June.
- b. Long service awards – Farrukh MB to check month.