

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 27th March 2023 at Tony's home starting at 17:00

1. Attending; Tony Loughran, Rosemary Doyle, Maxine Blades, Jim Gascoyne, Stephen Thompson, Peter Hermitage, Martin Ward & Brian Dobinson
2. Minutes of meeting held on 27th February 2023 were agreed.
 - a. Matters arising:
 - i. St Patricks Day Supper report. Peter was thanked for organising an excellent evening. He noted that there was a surplus of £565 to be donated to the Prince of Wales Youth Club. Club Council agreed to raise the donation to £600. It was also noted that PWYC would benefit from profits from bar & meal. Tony to arrange the presentation of cheque to PWYC. Peter has provided a set of accounts for the event which will be passed onto Graham.
 - ii. Pentangular Visit to Leiden – Maxine noted that the registration forms had been sent, and Jim confirmed that the Euro payment has been made.
 - iii. Tony noted that a Pentangular Presidents meeting is to be hold on 30th March at 6pm via Teams, with discussions on the secretarial function, meeting venues, MESG arrangements and an update on arrangements for the Liden visit. Tony, Rosemary, and Maxine to attend.
 - iv. MGSE –Martin reported that he had started the trawl for candidates.
 - v. Archbishops School Interact Club –Maxine to follow up.
 - vi. Bannerettes – Maxine noted that these will be arriving Friday.
 - vii. BID article has sent on behalf of Rotary in Canterbury
 - viii. Programme changes – Tony to provide Martin with updated list for EMS.
3. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List was reviewed, and outstanding items are now complete.
4. President's Business
 - a. The Point (WBFP) - Stephen updated Club Council on the recently received CCC Surveyor and GCC fees which were unexpected as were the fees for the Health and Safety report. He also noted that hopefully only RM Harris fencing and sheeting will be needed to protect the site during construction rather than wooden hording.

However, these extra costs reduce the project's safety net to £3,500 which is concerning so he is asking one of the donors for £5K extra which should be available. Stephen noted that once H&S forms sent to CCC then the above fees will need to be paid. He reassured the meeting that the project still 'safe' in financial terms, but Club Council needed to be aware. Rosemary and Stephen are planning to meet with Ben Fitter-Harding asap to see if fees could be reduced, and that we need the licence to start the work asap, as any further delays could increase costs of materials. He also noted that currently the Club has only put in £200 with all other funds from external sources.

Stephen was thanked for his work on the project.
 - b. Tony noted that the revised dining charges from 1/4/23 have been agreed, and is looking at alternative venues for when the Cricket Ground is not available. It was agreed to try a pub-based evening meeting.

- c. Charity Funding to end of Current Rotary Year - Tony noted that from the attached financial report (YTD) you will see we have the following amounts in our charity accounts.

General- £4,487

Vocational- £1,684 of which £1,240 is earmarked for Innovation Competition, Senior Writing Competition, and donation to Archbishops School

Community Service - £715 of which £600 is earmarked for St Nicolas School and RYLA.

International - £1,259

Representing a total £8,145 plus £1,100 due back from the recently claimed Gift Aid. And that the next Fundraising event will be the Duck Race in Sept 23.

For the new Rotary Year 2023/24 Tony noted that while it will be for Rosemary to decide in her plans what the Committee's spending plans will be for the next Rotary Year he suggested that the sum of £2,250 is transferred to each committee to give them the autonomy to make their own decisions (subject to approval by the Trustees) before the end of my Presidential Year.

In the shorter term, and to help fund the remainder of this year (2022/23), Tony suggested that £750 is transferred to each committee. Total of £2,250 which will leave £2,237 in Charity General with the £1,100 GA to be credited to Charity General when received.

Following discussion, which noted the very successful progression of the QEGS F1 team, it was agreed that £500 would be transferred to Community Services Committee and £800 to be transferred to the Vocational Committee, with the recommendation to the Vocational Committee that a donation of £300 from this money goes to the QEGS F1 team. The £1,100 GA to be credited to Charity General when received.

- d. Cooperation with Local Clubs:

- i. Sunrise: Easter Hunt 29th April (Maxine attending), Swing Band Concert 10th May – flyer sent out to members.
 - ii. Forest of Blean are holding a Barn Dance - flyer to Maxine for sending onto members.
- e. Shelter Box are holding an exhibition at 17th May Archbishops School
- f. Inner Wheel – Quiz night held on 25th April with many members attending.
- g. Street Pastors- are coming to talk to the Club on 11th April.
- h. Marsden Walk- agreed to decline the invitation. Maxine to write.

5. President Elect Report - Rosemary Doyle

Committees' Report to Club Council, 27th March 2023

The International Committee has not had a meeting this month, but is meeting again on 4th April. Raj has complained again about lack of attendance at these meetings.

I have had no report from Richard Kemball Cook regarding Community Service

Committee – (Maxine noted that no meeting held in March, but next meeting is 4th April with John Hill chairing).

Mary McGeary: Vocational Service Committee reports that they did not have a meeting in March as so many members were involved in the mock interviews at Canterbury College. Over 400 students participated in these interviews, and there was positive feedback on all sides.

On 28th February the Regional Final of the Young Chefs' competition was held at Archbishops' School. Brian Dobinson and Mary McGeary as STEM ambassadors have been asked to act as judges for the Primary Engineering, SE Region, competition at CCCU.

Judging is taking place for the Senior Writing Competition. There has been a positive response to the Innovation Competition, judging of which will take place on Wednesday, 28th June.

The next meeting of this committee is on 4th April.

6. Treasurer's Report - Jim

- a. Finance report February 2023 was reviewed.
- b. RCC Draft Accounts 2021/2022 – Jim to follow-up with Richard for AGM on 23rd May.
- c. Bank Mandate update – Tony and Stephen to progress.
- d. Brian raised a question regarding the role of the Trust Fund Trustees in approving expenditure. Jim, Graham, and Maxine to meet to progress a set of guidelines for approving all expenditure and transfers of funds to help inform Committee Chairs and Club Council for the new Rotary year.

7. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations - none
- b. Martin noted that there were four prospective members in the pipeline.
- c. Martin noted that the Club was experiencing difficulties in progressing prospective members to joining the Club. The Council discussed some ideas to help with this including the development of different meeting options. Peter suggested that a major event which could appeal to a particular group i.e. sport focused might be worth considering.

8. Update of marketing/membership materials – Martin and Maxine have reviewed this and agree that there is sufficient materials available.

9. Club programme – Tony to provide updated list but noted fellowship meal at Granville on 28th March.

10. AOB

- a. Maxine noted That there is a District Assembly meeting and training for those coming into the President role to be held in April – Rosemary noted that she has booked to attend.
- b. Maxine noted that she will be on holiday for the next Club Council meeting.