

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Rosemary's home starting at 17:00**

1. Present: Rosemary Doyle, Tony Loughran, Maxine Blades, Jim Gascoyne, Neil Fraser, Martin Ward and Brian Dobinson.
2. Apologies: Peter Hermitage
3. Minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October had been agreed by email previously.
  - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
    - i. Graham's review of RCC Charity Trust Deed to await resolution of banking difficulties.
    - ii. Archive review – moved to the New Year
    - iii. MSTF Trust Deed – still missing.
      - I. Tony Loughran to contact Chris Burns (ex Girlings) who may have been involved in preparing the trust deed.
4. Correspondence
  - a. Maxine's List (to follow).
5. Secretary's Business –
  - a. RGB&I database showing 46 active members & 1 honorary member as of end of October 2023
  - b. Xmas Dinner – The Granville, Street End, 16<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for 7.30pm £35 pp for 60 people.
    - i. Numbers at 70 plus waiting list.
    - ii. Dress code is 'Black Tie' preferred.
  - c. Planning for SGM – New club officers
    - i. Currently: President Maxine, PE Raj, Sec Andrew C.
    - ii. Still need treasurer/dining secretary.
  - d. Possible Change of Club Council meeting dates
    - i. Due to tight turn around for minutes and communications with the committees it was agreed to move Club Council to the third Monday of the month – Maxine to email new dates.
  - e. SEK Competitions – email from Sophie Wallace. Maxine to contact SEK saying that our competitions are running this year but we will review these, and may come back to SEK next year.
    - i. Brian noted that the Rotary Cookery competition is now scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> December at Archbishops School.
  - f. District Fundraising initiative (see email from Roger) has been sent out to all club members.
6. President's Business
  - a. The Point update – Rosemary noted that Stephen reported that the licence agreement was in progress.
  - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
    - i. Remembrance Sunday. Rosemary noted that the three Canterbury clubs participated in the Canterbury wreath laying.
    - ii. Sunrise – Club members are helping with the Santa Sleigh

- iii. Forest of Blean
    - iv. Inner Wheel – Maxine noted that Shelia Cragg had advised that Patsy Kerr will be 100 in January. The Club will send a card and present.
  - c. Issues with dining arrangements continue with some members getting confused about using the EMS. Maxine noted that changes can't be made to some settings on the EMS if they need to be updated. Maxine to write to Martin so that he can request changes.
  - d. Pentangular Zoom Carols – Maxine and Martin to arrange recording of carols at Xmas dinner. Rosemary to confirm dates of the 'live' sessions.
  - e. Pentangular Presidents Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> November, report.
    - i. Rosemary & Maxine attended the meeting with Belgium, French & Dutch Reps with Germans on Zoom. The meeting discussed:
      - I. JPP6 - German proposal.
      - II. Pentangular Visit to St Quentin 31<sup>st</sup> May/2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – full details available shortly.
      - III. MGSE – dates shortly from Ludenscheid.
      - IV. Pentangular visit to Leuven is 16/18<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
      - V. Rosemary queried progress on changes in format of Pentangular weekend, but none appear to be actively considered at present.
7. President Elect Report – Maxine
- a. Combined Community & Vocational Committee to meet 5<sup>th</sup> December.
  - b. International met 10<sup>th</sup> October next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December.
8. Treasurer's Report - Jim
- a. Finance report November 2023
  - b. Bank Mandate update on-going.
9. Club Regeneration Strategy/Plans – Peter
- a. Including review of new RGB&I By Laws/Governance Documents tbc
  - b. Peter & Neil to reviewing options & opportunities.
    - i. Neil gave some feedback from Margate RC operations.
    - ii. Maxine noted that Peter, Neil, and herself will be meeting in the new year to look at potential changes for 2024/5.
10. 10 Fundraising - Neil
- a. 10<sup>th</sup> November fundraiser – Rosemary thanked Neil for organising the David Tadd evening. It raised £1231.
    - i. Neil noted the high number of guests attending.
  - b. 2024 Duck Race – Neil expressed concern at limited Club support. Rosemary & Tony to follow up with D Theobald about Stour Festival plans and whether the Duck race could join in.
    - i. Meeting in January to allocate roles.
  - c. Brian noted idea for members to make minimum donation.
11. Recruitment – Martin
- a. Resignations/leavers

- b. New Members - Ann Walker-Parry to be inducted on 5<sup>th</sup> December, Clare Hewitt has expressed interest.

12. Club Programme Updates January 2024 onwards

- a. Rosemary to circulate January meetings.
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> January at the President's, 12 noon – to book in. No charge

13. Date of next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024