

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Club Council at Rosemary Doyle's House 1700
Agenda

1. Apologies – Maxine
2. Minutes of meeting held on 25th July – attached

Minutes had been previously circulated and agreed.

a. Matters arising

Emergency Contact Cards Update – Peter has completed the Emergency card and Tony raised this at the business meeting in early August. Peter will roll out to members who wish to complete. It is not obligatory

National Ukraine Day update – There is a National Ukraine Day on 24/8/22. The Club has already held a second collection in July and at the Business meeting in August the Club confirmed that we would not be involved in this day. District were informed.

Tony commented that we are in a position to clear down the monies held in the Ukraine Accounts, and these will be sent to DEC and the Umbrella Centre respectively as soon as possible.

Brett's Chapel clearance – a team did a fantastic job clearing and cleaning the Rotary section of the chapel. In addition, all the duck count was completed. We still have the archive records at Kent and Canterbury Club to complete. Looking at late Autumn for that.

3. Correspondence

- a. Maxine's List- circulated and no matters arising.

4. President's Business

- a) District Meeting 17-09. Consider proposals for voting. (see attachments)

- (i) District Fund being broadened to a District Rapid Response Fund for all International disaster. Council NOT in favour. We will continue as Club to set our own agenda on who we support. That does not mean though is funds are available we will not support District as we have just done so for the Modular Homes Project.
- (ii) Small amendment to District Rules- Council in Favour
- (iii) Combining District Conference with Districts 1130 and 1145. Council was in Favour of the Proposal.

b) Update on Duck race -11/9/22

Tony reported that all was going well. At this stage it was concentrating on Members duck sales plus the upcoming Whitefriars sales. Dee Mepstead is due back from Holiday and will continue with the Organisation. As a Club we remain very grateful for the support Dee and Alan are giving.

5. President Elect Reports – Rosemary

a. Community Service

Community Service had its first meeting since May in the middle of August and discussed key projects such as RYLA, PWYC, St Nicholas School, Thanington Resource centre and Rising Sun Children's group.

Various ad hoc donations were approved following information regarding future funding of the committee

b. International

International is having its first meeting tomorrow, and Raj has referred me to the agenda for that meeting. It includes updates on the proposed Aquabox walk, Dhaka eye surgery district grant, and safe water global grant.

Ideas for more donations include Aquabox, Octagreen homes in Bangladesh, Transaid, Healthcare Ethiopia, and cleft palates in Mauritius. Members may remember that we had a briefing from a representative of Rotary Club Dhaka to speak to the Club about schemes mentioned above.

There will be up updates on JPP, Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.

c. Vocational

Vocational met at the beginning of August and having contacted schools who entered the Innovation Competition, have decided to continue with it following positive feedback. They will continue to support QEGS on their F1 project.

They will hold a meeting with Archbishop's School and Sunrise Club regarding the holding of the Young Chef competition, and the Learning Support Dept at Archbishop's had also requested some help

d. Mini Group Exchange. Martin confirmed the two candidates were due to St Quentin on 27/8/22. Full report when they return.

6. Treasurer's Report - Jim

- a. Finance report – Balances and Financial Report attached.
- b. Bank Mandate update. Tony reported that there remained an issue in changing the signatories on the Club accounts. It is the same problem we have every year. Tony was visiting the Bank on 31/8/22 to register a formal complaint as this will be quickest way to resolve. Update to follow.
- c. Proposal for helping Ukrainian families for Ballet via PH. See attached Paper Tony had written to Council members for their view. There was support for the proposal from all Council but Brian had raised the points as attached as to donating this funds from the Charity account was indeed a Charitable purpose. There was also the possible adverse publicity it may cause.

Martin noted the Rotary Website comment on our Community Service Activities :

'The Club Community Service Committee assists with grants up to £1000 to individuals, organisations and charities with a strong, local Canterbury connection'

Therefore, in line with this we are not tied to providing funds solely to a Charity. The Prince of Wales Club is a strong stakeholder in our activities.

It was agreed:

To assist the request up to a maximum of £500. Peter is also sourcing other funding so the final cost may not be £500.

It was agreed to discuss the wider question of Charitable giving as a future council meeting.

- d. Distribution of Taste of East Funds. Held over to next Council Meeting.

7. Recruitment – Martin

a. Resignations- none

b. Other Prospective Members. Two new enquiries that Martin was pursuing. Chris Van Beck had been a guest of Brian. It was unlikely that he would become a full member but may be a possible associate member.

This is an area we have considered before and Jim also asked if it would sensible to put the friends and supporters of Rotary on a more formal basis.

Martin will action and bring a proposal to Council

Rosemary also reminded Council about arranging a meeting with Lisa Carlson of BID Canterbury for membership opportunities.

8. Pentangular Review

The Pentangular clubs are to meet in Leven on 8/10/22.

Up to 4 delegates from each Club are invited to discuss how best to organise future Pentangular meetings so more members are attracted to attend.

Council are very grateful to a Paper that Peter had written and this was fully discussed.

It was agreed to distribute this paper to all members (sent by TL 30/8/22@ 0942) and seek Members views. These will be collated and raised at the meeting 20/9/22.

Thank you to Rosemary for hosting the meeting

Next Council Meeting 26/9/22