

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the meeting of the Club Council on Monday, 30th May 2022 at 6pm via Zoom

1. Stephen Thompson, Maxine Blades, Rosemary Doyle, Peter Hermitage, Alan Mepstead, Martin Ward, Jim Gascoyne,
2. Apologies Tony Loughran & Brian Dobinson.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2022 were agreed
 - a. Matters arising not covered elsewhere
 - i. Purchase of video conferencing equipment – Martin waiting for go ahead to purchase the equipment – Action ST.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List – correspondence in hand and Maxine will chase action on outstanding items.
5. President's Business
 - a. Centenary Party update
 - i. Alan reported 113 people attending across 12 tables
 - ii. Martin noted he is liaising with Alan re table planning for Cathedral Lodge for Monday 6th June. Jane and Sue looking after decorations. Tony looking after champagne reception with Peter Hermitage.
 - b. Pentangular
 - i) General comments and review of youth involvement
 - i. Peter noted how well the presentations at PWYC and QE were done and showcased the support given to the youth groups by RCC.
 - ii) Financial outcome
 - i. Stephen reported surplus of £2.2K for the weekend which was due to the wine better priced than originally budgeted for.
 - c. Key post vacancies for 2022/2023 – Tony
 - i) Vice President – to be carried forward for consideration by regeneration committee.
 - d. Club Risk Assessments – Stephen noted MB sent out emergency card example, suggestion to progress on voluntary basis. Martin to change logo.
 - e. Bank Signatory Changes – the Council Meeting was asked to approve the draft special meeting minute (attached). Council reviewed the proposal and nominated signatories for the bank accounts and approved these.

f. Rotary Compliance Confirmation Form (attached) - Tony

The meeting was asked to confirm the of adoption of the following RGBI policies:

- General Data Protection Privacy Policy Notice
- Equality and Diversity Policy (linked with Dignity Policy)
- Health & Safety Policy Statement
- Safeguarding (Children) Policy (updated to include communicating with children on line)
- Safeguarding (Vulnerable Adults) Policy

Club Council approved the adoption on the above policies.

g. Ratify decision to cancel the Safari supper – Club Council approved the decision to cancel the Safari Supper.

h. Club Assembly preparation – MB to check requirements and has subsequently sent Stephen and Tony and indicative agenda for the meeting, which included the invitation to the ADG to attend.

6. Taste of the East Evening/Covid concern.

Council discussed the scenario of a person attending a Rotary event who, whilst not themselves infected with the Coronavirus, lived with a family member who was infected. It was agreed that current UK Government guidelines (which do not restrict uninfected individuals) should be followed. It is sensible for people attending Rotary events to undertake a lateral flow test before the event and for anybody who feels themselves vulnerable to be guided by their own circumstances.

7. Cooperation with Local Clubs Report on Meeting 25th May 2022

- a. Stephen noted that meeting with Sunrise and Forrest of Blean took place on 25th May.
- b. The PE's shared their new programmes and looked at opportunities for members coming along to the other clubs' meetings. A joint 'Bat and Trap evening has been arranged for late August
- c. The next meeting will be held on 1st September
- d. Permission is being sought to hold a second joint street collection for Ukraine 9th July.

8. President Elect Report – Tony

My apologies for this evening. I will be too remote to join as we meander around the Isle of Mull

I am report by phone as I am unable to send a written word report this month.

1) Community Service

The committee met on May 5.

Strategic plan. Currently £200 held for a possible summer trip for Saint Nicholas school and £400 carried forward for RYLA as there are two potential candidates for October.

Richard briefed the committee on the activities at the Prince of Wales youth club which as we have seen at the Pentagular continues to build nicely.

Ad hoc requests

Checks raised for Cantercare, Thanington Jubilee party and MS treatment

The Thannington relationship is developing nicely via Jim G and the committee are looking for ways to support the current manager. Paula will be coming to the club in my year to brief us on her activities.

Harry Craig reported on music for change at UKC which helps those with Parkinson's disease and the committee agreed to fund £300.

2) Vocational Service

The committee met on May 17.

Innovation competition. It is now in its ninth year and there are fewer entries which perhaps indicates the pressure that schools have been under in the last couple of years. Brian will review the future of the competition and report back to the committee.

The initial judgement is to take place on May 25 and final judging on June 29 at Old sessions house Canterbury.

Senior writing competition

Brian reported the results of the senior writing competition

7-8 year old- Dover Grammar School

9 to 12- Two first-rate prizes for Kent College

The committee reported back on the mock interviews which went very well and Canterbury College were very pleased with the outcome.

A further day is planned for June and volunteers are I needed.

Tony reported on the young Chef competition and the possibility of joining with sunrise the hostess competition. This will be on November 5 at the Archbishop School and a meeting will be set up with sunrise to discuss what involvement is needed from the club.

Gill and Brian reported that they had arranged an outing to Robert Boyd Howell's farm. A picnic day on 24-7-22. This has been included in next year's proposed programme.

3) International

As the committee were not quorate There was no meeting held in May.

Raj has agreed to take over the chair of international and as a club we are very indebted for the excellent work that Viv has done as chairman over the last four years.

Pleased to report that the monies to Dhaka have been received.

There continues to be a focus on Ukraine and at the last joint club meeting it was agreed to hold a further fund raising day on July 9.

Tony Loughran

Sent from my iPhone

9. Vice President Report

Vice-President's Report to Club Council

30th May 2022

Fundraising – Dee Mepstead reports that there will be 87 attendees at the Taste of the East evening, which should bring some money into the Charity Account. A number of members, not all from the fundraising committee, have been involved in preparation for the evening, including Sinitta from Sunrise.

A car boot sale is planned, probably for Sunday 26th June, in Whitstable, and donations of bric-a-brac will be needed. Stephen will send out email for help with tables etc.

100 Club – Graham Bough reports that 39 members own 63 numbers, and that the next draw will take place on 7th June at the Business Meeting. There will be 3 more numbers in July.

Book Club – Brian Dobinson reports the Group met on 11th May to discuss Vanity Fair, but there were only 5 members present. It was the first meeting held at Pauline Banks' home, and the next one will also be there, on 7th July.

Registration – John Hill reports that he has not been required to note numbers this year, but will start with the new Rotary Year.

These are the only reports I have received this month.

10. Birthdays – Maxine- TBCF

11. Treasurer's Report - Kailash

- a. Finance report – balances – Stephen to check queries with Kailash
- b. A request by ST to transfers to Charity a/c from £435 film night surplus, plus discussion with Tony as per o/s balance was approved
- c. Gift Aid - query regarding GA claim. Kailash to send spreadsheets to Richard to prepare gift aid claim.
- d. Replacement Dining Accounts Scrutineer - TBA

12. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations have been received from Mike Leadbeater, Caroline Lees, Dee Mepstead.
- b. In preparation for the new financial year checks will be made with members who might not renew their subscriptions.
- c. David Nauman will be moved to honorary member status on RGBI database
- d. Other Prospective Members – none.

13. Club Assembly Meeting business items for agenda

- a. Help for Boot fair to be held in late June. Stephen to talk to Dee and send our email.

14. Club Programme

- a. 31st May – Taste of the East
- b. 7th June Club Assembly – lunchtime at Rugby Club
- c. 14th June Rugby Club speaker evening Rev P Irwin Army Padre
- d. 18th June Centenary Dinner Cathedral Lodge

- e. 21st June Stelling Minnis Windmill – Cheques by 13th June.
- f. 22nd June Emely Visit
- g. 28th June Handover Meeting Cricket Ground.

15. Any other business

- a. MB on holiday 29th June – 11th July
- b. Club directories for widows. There was a concern that GDPR prohibits circulation of the directory to non-members. This was confirmed but contact can be made to Secretary via the website if needed.
- c. Drinking water filling point. Viridor site visit 21st June in Longmarket.
- d. Martin MGSE – three applications from CCCU students looking at interview 6 or 7th June pm Stephen, MB and Tony with Martin present.
- e. Stephen noted that this was his last Council meeting of his Presidential Year and that thanked Council Members. Members thanked Stephen for a very exciting and full year.

Maxine Blades

31/05/2022