

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 1 August 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, John Hill, Harry Cragg, Rotarians Bob Anderson, Deborah Connolly, Charles Evans, Rosemary Morton and Andrew Barchi

Apologies:

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £2421.23
3. **Canterbury MS Society** DC and JH will present the cheque for £400 in the very near future.
4. **Catching Lives (CL)** A second estimate for the window refurbishment is being provided shortly.
5. **Website Request - Canterbury Mediation Service (CMS)** The donation of £210 was made and a letter of thanks has been received from CMS.
6. **Rising Sun Charity (RS)** Following the invitation from Herne Bay RC to collaborate in a venture to raise matching grant funding to enable RS to run a series of counselling courses for young men who are behaving aggressively/violently towards their families, DB attended a meeting at which the proposals were outlined and a provisional estimate for costs given. The matter would be progressed by RC Herne Bay, including the submission of the matching grant application in due course. The committee agreed that the Chairman should express our continued interest in the project and indicate that a likely contribution from us would be £500.
7. **Prostate Cancer Support Association (PCSA)** A letter of thanks has been received in respect of our recent donation of £500.
8. **Mary Edmondson Sporting Charity (MESC)** The donation of £250 agreed at the last meeting was made and a letter of thanks has been received.
9. **Special Educational Equipment – Littlebourne Primary School.** The cheque for £302 towards the school's costs in purchasing special needs equipment for a young pupil was presented by RA and a letter of thanks has been received.
10. **Sing for Your Lives (SFYL)** RA reported that he anticipated receiving a progress report from the nursing home in the very near future.
11. **Children's Social Work Team (CSWT)** A more detailed request has been received indicating that £250 would be needed for rubbish clearance and garden work to provide a reasonable play area for the children and the other £250 would provide storage units and bedroom redecoration, etc. DC undertook to contact CSWT to find

out where the family lives and whether or not the Team was in contact with other Rotary clubs.

12. RYLA JH outlined the communication difficulties he was having with the District officer responsible for RYLA but he felt reasonably confident that the course would go ahead in October as planned and that our two candidates would attend.

13. Mustard Seed Singers. The committee agreed to pay £32.56 for a new keyboard stand, JH to progress the matter.

14. Canterbury Archery Club CE provided details of the very talented young lady, who lives in Harbledown and her considerable costs in participating at a high representational level. The committee agreed a grant of £250 towards her costs.

15. Canterbury and Coastal Home Start. AB reported that the 4 volunteers had been trained but that there had been no referrals for their services as yet. A monitoring report to District would be needed in the near future and if it transpires that our funds are not used, the grant will have to be returned to District.

16. AOB RA reported that he was involved in running a fund raising event (duplicate bridge) for Canterbury MS Society in Littlebourne in October and invited the committee to consider a contribution of £100 towards the refreshments and raffle prizes for the event. This was agreed.

17. Date of Next Meeting. 5 September 2017 at 11.30. Apologies from AB, CE & SD.