

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Agenda of Community Service Committee 7 November 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, Harry Cragg, John Hill, Rotarians Bob Anderson, David Lewis, Julie Reza, Rosemary Morton, Raj Dasan

Apologies: Deborah Connelly & Andrew Barchi

- 1. Committee Changes.** The Chairman welcomed JR for three introductory sessions. The resignation of Charles Evans was reported with regret. Deborah Connolly will be taking over his commitments to St Nicholas School.
- 2. Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October were agreed.
- 3. Charitable Funds Available:** £6243.67. From this amount must be deducted £800 for donation to Catching Lives and £250 donation to sSocial Services to tidy up a garden for a family in difficulties. We have also pledged £500 to the Rising Sun Domestic Violence Project.
- 4. Catching Lives (CL)** RM reported that she had presented the Committee's agreed grant cheque for £800 and an article reporting the event is on the website.
- 5. Tryangle Awards.** The Chairman and PP HC will be attending the awards ceremony on 19 November.
- 6. Rising Sun Charity (RS) - Counselling Courses for Aggressive Young Men.** Herne Bay Rotary Club has submitted an application for a District Matching Grant and a decision on this application is still awaited – We have pledged £500 towards the project.
- 7. Children's Social Work Team (CSWT)** DC reported that the Committee's grant of £250 had been spent by the Social Worker as follows: £90 garden clearance, c£60 on a lawn mower and the balance on paint. DC is following up the apparent misuse of part of our grant, which was specifically for garden clearance.
- 8. Kids Cancer Charity (KCC)** Although based in Wales this charity supports families throughout UK and there are currently two such families in the Canterbury area. The request from KCC suggested a donation of £150 and this was agreed.
- 9. Future Policy for Communication on the Website.** JR outlined her proposals for putting more details of the Committee's activities on the Club's website. The Committee agreed that this would not only inform the public but also our own club members.
- 10. RYLA** JH reported that the course took place over the weekend 13-16 October and although one of our original candidates was prevented from attending through injury, a replacement had been found and both attendees had an enjoyable weekend. It was hoped that they would be able to attend a committee/club meeting in the near future to give a report on their activities. The next RYLA course would take

place in April 2018 and the Committee agreed to support the attendance of a further two attendees at a cost of c£400.

11. Charity Bridge Drive. RA reported that the event, which the Committee had supported with the provision of some raffle prizes, had raised £1000 for the Kent MS Therapy Centre.

12. Canterbury Food Bank (CFB) RA reminded the Committee of its recent £500 grant and stated that he had so far spent £175.33 on items for CFB and that the balance would be spent in the run up to Christmas.

13. Sing for Your Life (SFYL) RA reported that the Barham Nursing Home was in the middle of its trial of the SFYL equipment and that he would continue to monitor the situation.

14. CanterCare The Chairman reported that he had been asked by the Club's incoming president to consider supporting this charity, which provided a home to young pregnant girls who had been made homeless. It was agreed to invite a representative from CanterCare to address a future meeting of the Committee and in the meantime DB would provide a raffle prize for CanterCare's forthcoming quiz evening.

15. Kent Organ School (KOS) KOS had requested financial support for a scholarship fund, which it was proposing to set up. The Committee agreed that it could not offer support at this stage but that it would be prepared to consider future applications once the fund was up and running.

16. Date of Next Meeting. 5 December 2017 at 11.30.