

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee 5 December 2017

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, Harry Cragg, John Hill, Rotarians Bob Anderson, David Lewis, Julie Reza, Rosemary Morton, Raj Dasan, Andrew Barchi & Deborah Connelly. In Attendance: PP Richard Kemball-Cook

Apologies: Nil

- 1. Cantercare.** The Chairman welcomed Cyra Stedman, who gave a short presentation on the background and work of Cantercare, a local charity which provides supported housing for homeless young women who are pregnant or have a young baby. After the presentation it was agreed that DC & RM would arrange to visit Cantercare's premises with a view to ascertaining what help the committee may be able to provide.
- 2. Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November were agreed.
- 3. Charitable Funds Available:** £5,038.34 of which £500 is pledged to the Rising Sun Domestic Violence Project. AB indicated that he thought our contribution to the failed Canterbury Home Start project (£500) could be available in addition but this would need verification by the Treasurer.
- 4. Catching Lives (CL)** A letter of thanks had been received from the Secretary to the Trustees, including details of a new mentoring initiative, which may warrant our support.
- 5. Tryangle Awards.** PP HC attended the awards ceremony on 19 November together with members of Forest of Blean (FOB) Rotary Club. It was decided that provided FOB are in agreement, we should continue to support the annual event.
- 6. Rising Sun Charity (RS) - Counselling Courses for Aggressive Young Men.** PP RK-C gave an update on the project and his involvement as a mentor. The committee reaffirmed its pledge of £500 towards the costs of the project, which now also had the support of Canterbury Sunrise and Chestfield rotary clubs.
- 7. Children's Social Work Team (CSWT)** DC reported that although the Committee's donation had not been spent strictly in accordance with the stated purpose, it had nevertheless been well spent and was much appreciated.
- 8. Kids Cancer Charity (KCC)** A donation of £150 had been sent.
- 9. Canterbury Food Bank (CFB)** RA reported that later this week he would be spending the balance of the committee's grant, which together with additional donations from individual club members would total in the region of £500.

10. RYLA JH reported that he hoped to arrange a presentation by the two recent attendees, to take place before the evening meeting on 16 January – this date to be confirmed. He would be following up the committee's agreement to sponsor two more delegates in 2018.

11. Website Request CLIC Sargent. The committee decided not to offer a donation to this national charity.

12. Prince of Wales Youth Club. AB undertook to liaise with the club regarding their request for a donation to help reform their boxing club.

13. Website Request Children in Need. The local branch had requested help with raffle prizes for their "big fundraiser". DB was following this up.

14. St Nicholas School – Kids Out DC agreed to discuss the possibility of a winter outing with the school.

15. Porchlight. The charity had requested financial help with the refurbishment of their hostels, Craddock House and it was agreed that SD would coordinate a visit to the hostels with RA & DL to ascertain what support the committee could provide. It was noted that this may be "elevated" to being a club project if the financial need was above the committee's resources. The Porchlight project coordinator had indicated that they hoped to start some of the work by the spring 2018.

16. Date of Next Meeting. 9 January 2018 at 11.30.

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