

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the Community Service Committee
9 January 2018

Attendance: PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, Harry Cragg, John Hill, Rotarians Bob Anderson, Raj Dasan, Andrew Barchi & Deborah Connelly.

Apologies: Julie Reza and David Lewis

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £4363 of which £500 is pledged to the Rising Sun Domestic Violence Project.
3. **CanterCare (CC)** DC reported on her recent visit to CC and stated that the charity had identified two possible projects for the Committee's involvement : repaving the front drive area (£966.19) and erecting an inner fence in the back garden (698.55). After some discussion it was felt that neither project could be supported, given our limited funds, but that we should indicate to CC that we may be able to offer support in the future.
4. **Fifth Trust.** Following a request via PP Alan Forrest for help with the provision of woodworking tools the Committee agreed a donation of £500.
5. **Tryangle Awards (TA).** DB reported that Forest of Blean wanted to pursue their future involvement with TA independently and suggested that we should discontinue our TA support for the time being. This was agreed.
6. **Rising Sun Charity (RS) - Counselling Courses for Aggressive Young Men.** Herne Bay RC have now obtained the District matching grant and requested that we should make our £500 cheque payable to them. This was not agreed, the cheque being made payable to RS.
7. **Canterbury Care Leavers Christmas Dinner.** A donation of £200 had been pledged for this event and the organisers (Westgate Community Trust and Rosie Duffield) have gratefully acknowledged this contribution.
8. **Skeleton Blog from Rachel Hanagan.** Report received.
9. **Canterbury Food Bank (CFB)** RA confirmed that the balance of the Committee's grant had been spent and that this, together with generous donations from club members, had resulted in deliveries totalling in excess of £500 being made in early December. CFB had thanked us for our support.
10. **RYLA.** The two recent delegates will be giving a presentation to the whole club prior to the meeting on 16 January.
11. **Prince of Wales Youth Club (PWYC).** A proposal by DB and AB that the Committee should make a donation of £600 for the purchase of boxing equipment was agreed. AB stated that he would purchase the individual items, which would be

presented to PWYC at a suitable meeting. Members of the Committee are encouraged to attend the presentation.

12. St Nicholas School – Kids Out Winter Event. DC had been unable to contact the school due to the Christmas holidays but she would be following this up shortly. The Committee agreed that we should support this should it go ahead and authorised a sum of up to £200.

13. Porchlight. SD & RA reported on their visit to Craddock House on 5 January. The interior of the building is in general need of refurbishment and quotations in the region of £15-16000 for the work (less carpeting) had been received. Individual items required in the various flats had been priced separately and a suitable project for the Committee's resources was the redecoration of the entrance lobby and living/utility area of flat 4 – this was priced at £1000, with carpeting an extra £250. The Committee agreed that we should fund the project with a donation of £1250, noting that Council approval would be necessary as the amount was over the Committee's financial limit of £1000.

14. HiKent. A request had been received for help in funding a lip reading course and the Committee agreed a donation of £500.

15. AOB. Nil

18. Date of Next Meeting. 7 February at 11.30.

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