Rotary Club of Canterbury Minutes of Community Service Committee 20 November 2018 at 11.30 am.

<u>Attendance:</u> PPs David Barton (Chairman) (DB), Harry Cragg (HC), John Hill (JH); Rtns D Connolly (DC), Andrew Barchi (AB), Bob Anderson (BA).

Apologies: Rosemary Morton, Sidney Denham

- 1. <u>Minutes.</u> The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2018 were agreed.
- 2. Charitable Funds Available: £2784
- 3. <u>Donations</u>: The President has sent a letter of thanks to Waitrose Community Matters and DC has collected the cheque for £190. This money will be allocated to the Community Committee funds as agreed. DC suggested that another application could be completed in the middle of 2019.
- 4. <u>Buster's Books (Primary School Reading Project)</u>: Update by HC. There has been no luck with senior schools, but it was agreed that he would approach various junior schools in the Canterbury area. Parkside School, Sturry Road could possibly be considered.
- 5. <u>Request from Canterbury Foodbank:</u> Martin Ward, who is now a Trustee of Canterbury Foodbank, has written to request a donation of £150-£200 to fund a Thank You event for their volunteers, at Hampton Yacht Club, Herne Bay. Following discussion it was decided that it would not be appropriate to donate. It was felt that as many Rotarians are trustees of various local charities this might set a precedent. However, we all agreed that we would continue to support the foodbank charity itself.
- 6. <u>SERV Kent (Blood Runners):</u> Update by DC on their needs for help with a new activity transporting frozen breast milk from donors in Kent. DC has been in touch with Trevor Sayer, Fund Raising Co-ordinator, and he has given a quote for the various equipment needed by the charity. It was agreed that we would donate £250 to buy milk bank bags. It was also agreed that we would ask Trevor Sayer to talk to the Club in the future. DC will contact Alan Forrest to suggest he arranges a date for him to attend as Speaker.
- 7. <u>Prince of Wales YC:</u> DB confirmed that he has a cheque for £350 to donate to support a Christmas Meal for the elderly. The President, Dr M Griffin, has requested to attend the presentation of the cheque at the Youth Club. It was agreed that DB would contact Joey at the Youth Club to confirm possible dates in the next week or so.
- 8. <u>Request from Roger Power:</u> He is a trustee of a sporting charity and he has requested that we consider a donation to support a talented young table tennis player who is training in the national squad. Following discussion it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to donate as the young player lives in Herne Bay.
- **9.** <u>**RYLA:**</u> JH updated the Committee and confirmed that 2 students had been on the RYLA course and had enjoyed it. JH will arrange for them to come and talk to the Club about their experience. It was agreed that we would continue to support students attending RYLA courses twice a year.
- **10.** <u>AOB:</u> BA raised his concerns about how money is being allocated for future funding of the JPP (Joint Pentangular Project) which supports projects in Juba in the Sudan. He expressed concern about how the money was divided between the various committees and whether there were sufficient funds. Following discussion it was suggested that these concerns should be discussed with the Club and at Club Council.
- <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>: It was decided that as the November meeting had been delayed, that there would be no December meeting. Next meeting on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 11:30 am.