

**Rotary Club of Canterbury**  
**Minutes of the Community Service Committee**  
**22 January 2019**

**Attendance:** PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, Harry Cragg, John Hill Rotarians Bob Anderson, Rosemary Morton, Deborah Connolly and Andrew Barchi  
In attendance as an observer: Maxine Blades.

**Apologies:** None.

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018 were agreed.

2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £4355.00

3. **Donations Made.** £250 to SERV Kent and £350 to Prince of Wales Youth Club.

4. **Buster's Book Club** HC reported that Parkside Primary School was showing keen interest in the scheme and he hoped to progress the matter further in due course.

5. **Website Requests:**

a. Request for help with the funding of three elite athletes from the same Wingham family. The request to be referred to the charity administered by Roger Power.

b. **Solving Kids Cancer.** It was agreed that this website request for help in financing the treatment in USA of a girl with a brain tumour should be referred to the rotary clubs local to Etching Hill, where the girl lives.

c. **Martha Trust.** It was agreed that this general "round robin" request could not be supported – this trust works in the field of helping people in residential care who have multiple learning difficulties.

d. **Music 4 Wellbeing.** Although not yet a registered charity, the local branch is active in supporting people with dementia in Age UK Canterbury. DC agreed to investigate further.

e. **Wave Trust.** A general "round robin" request for funding to support their work in mitigating the stress of child abuse. Decision: not to support at present.

6. **Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal.** The Chairman agreed to refer this to Club Council.

7. **Wheel Potential.** The local branch of this cycling for the disabled charity had requested financial help in maintaining their equipment and it was agreed to donate £460 for the purchase of the specified absorption poles.

8. **RYLA** JH reported on the difficulty of finding a suitable slot for last years delegates to address the club as the speakers programme was fully booked for some time ahead. It was accepted that the opportunity may not arise. The search for suitable candidates for this year would continue.

- 9. Parkinson's UK.** RA proposed that we should continue to support the local branch and he suggested a grant of £500 to fund physiotherapy sessions. This was agreed.
- 10. Tools for Self Reliance (TSR).** RA reported that £295 of the Committee's budgeted £500 for TSR would be spent on portable air filtration unit(s).
- 11. St Nicholas' School Outing.** DC is in contact with the school to arrange a winter outing to the Soft Play Area. The Committee approved a budget of up to £300 for the event.
- 12. Honey Bears Day Nursery K&C Hospital.** RA suggested that this day centre, which deals with special needs children, may be a suitable candidate for our help. He and DC agreed to investigate further.
- 13. Pantomime Outing.** The possibility of organising an outing for suitable children was discussed and it was agreed not to pursue that matter this year.
- 14. Date of Next Meeting :** 5 February 2019 at 11.30am.