

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2019 at Canterbury Cricket Ground.

Present: David Barton (Chair) Bob Anderson, Andrew Barchi, Maxine Blades, Deborah Connolly, Harry Cragg and John Hill

Apologies: Sidney Denham and Rosemarie Morton

1. Minutes of the meeting of 22nd October were agreed.
2. Charitable Funds available: £709.54
3. Charitable donations – recent donations made
 - a. Necessary Furniture: £250 towards steam cleaner presented on 3rd December
 - b. Black Bird Project: new cheque prepared
 - c. Prince of Wales Youth Club: £300 towards Christmas Lunch for the elderly presented 26th November.
4. Honey Bears Nursery Project

Bob and Deborah updated the Committee on the fund raising and discussions with Nursey Manager:

 - a. £2,800 has been banked. An additional £200 from current funds will be added to this amount bringing the total to £3000
 - b. District grant approved but delayed – will be \$1000 (approx. £800)
 - c. Bob also noted possible donations from local Rotary Clubs in addition to those already made.
 - d. Bob is to meet with Nursey Manager to plan a spend of £4K*
 - e. Bob reported that he has approached Hospital League of Friends who will separately fund tables to match the chairs* that Rotary will be buying
 - f. Inner Wheel will also separately fund £250 for arts and craft materials for the nursey.
 - g. Deborah noted that as the Hospital will be purchasing the equipment, they will be able to reclaim VAT which will be passed back to the Nursery to spend.

The Committee thanked Bob and Deborah for all of their work on this project, which was acknowledged as being the largest single project undertaken by CSC.

5. RYLA

John noted that a presentation to the club by the participants is usually expected, however he was concerned that the students might find this stressful. It was suggested that he ask the students what they would like to do. Maxine offered to help with presentation preparation if needed. Suggested date of 11th February at the start of the evening meeting – John to confirm.
6. Tools for Self-Reliance

Bob invited Committee to the AGM to be held on 5th December at 2pm

Bob also advised the Committee that TSR could now take electrically powered tools and asked if the Committee would fund **£175 for a testing kit when required.**

7. Primary Schools Reading Project

Harry advised the Committee that a report from Kay Devine is in preparation and will be sent to him shortly and he will then circulate this to the Committee upon receipt.

8. Waitrose and Asda – collections resulted £200 from each supermarket.

9. Cobbs Meadow Riding for Disabled

Maxine circulated pictures of the items that the RDA would like to purchase to develop a new sensory ride at Cobbs Meadow.

The Committee agreed to fund £120 for the 'sheep' signs.

MB will advise Sally Murch when the cheque is available.

10. St Nicholas School's Winter Outing

Deborah advised the Committee that she was in contact with the new teacher and hoping to plan a trip for February. **The Committee agreed to allocate £200 for the outing when needed.**

11. Food Bank update

Bob Anderson advised the Committee that he was going food shopping next week with the £250 already allocated.

12. Rising Sun AGM Report

Maxine noted that she, Andrew, Dee and Alan Mepstead and Brian Dobson attended the AGM held on 22nd November,

The Committee noted that a donation of £350 made to support a Summer camp run by Rising Sun by that there hadn't as yet been any feedback or report for this. It was agreed that David would ask Rising Sun for a report on the camp.

After the meeting The Chairman met with Richard Kemball-Cook in it was agreed that as the woodland project had not been able to go forward, the offer of the £350 donation would be cancelled.

13. Any other Business

- a. David reported that he had received a request for funding from the Parkinson's Exercise Group. **The Committee agreed that a donation of £250.**
- b. John, Bob and Harry expressed concern as to the lack of funding made to CSC given the level of funding to Pentangular projects. David was asked by the Committee to raise our concerns about limited funds at Club Council.
- c. John invited the Committee to a performance by the Mustard Seed Singers on Friday 13th December at St Peters Methodist Church, commencing at 7pm.

14. Date of next meeting Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 11.33 am