

**Rotary Club of Canterbury**  
**Minutes of Community Service Committee**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11.30 am.**

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

**Apologies:** Rosemary Morton (RM), Maxine Blades (MB).

**In Attendance:** PP R Kemball-Cook (RKC) (Item 3).

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 were agreed, subject to the following amendment:
  - BA noted that £175 donation to Tools for Self-Reliance had been agreed but not minuted.

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

3. **Rising Sun Update.** RKC informed the Committee that the donation of £500 that had been agreed for Rising Sun in June to support woodland walks had not been spent. However, BA pointed out that a cheque for £350 donated to Rising Sun on 2<sup>nd</sup> July had been cashed. RKC knew nothing about this. DB had already written to Rising Sun to ask what their donation had been spent on. It was agreed that this should be followed up, and any unspent money returned to Rotary. **Action: DB**

RKC also discussed the possibility of applying for a Global Grant for Rising Sun to fund youth workers. He had already approached other Rotary Clubs in the area. It was agreed that any further action should initially be agreed in Council and discussed with the N Fraser, President. RKC agreed to keep the Committee informed with any further developments. **Action: RKC.**

4. **Honey Bears Nursery Project.** BA and DC updated the Committee. The District Grant of £780 had been received. BA and DC had met with Jane Flockhart again and agreed to purchase 4 specialist seats for the nursery, in order to complete the District Grant. A cheque for £1947.90 payable to East Kent Hospitals Charity would be given, in order to purchase the seats. A cheque for £882.00 would also be given to purchase other equipment required for the nursery. Philip and Cindy Abbott had also visited the Nursery and it was hoped to be able to fund sail-like awnings and to refurbish the surface in the outside play area in the future.

Fundraising for further equipment and approaches to other Rotary Clubs in the area for donations would continue. **Action: BA and DC.**

5. **RYLA.** JH has arranged for the 2 girls who attended RYLA to give a presentation to the Club on 11<sup>th</sup> February.
6. **Tools for Self-Reliance.** BA and other Rotarians had attended the AGM. Over 1000 tools have been refurbished this year. The charity also took part in a recent television documentary about their work.

A donation of £175 had already been agreed by the Committee, but the cost was now only £147 from the Community Service Committee, and the International Committee are also contributing £147 to fund PAT testing equipment. The cheque has been given to J Burton.

7. **Primary Schools Reading Project.** HC confirmed that money for books given to Parkside Community Primary School had been successful, and he had attended a special Assembly at the school. A Kent On-Line article had mentioned Rotary in this respect.
8. **Cobbs Meadow Riding for the Disabled.** A cheque for £120 has been received. MB is on holiday but will arrange to present it when she returns. **Action: MB**

9. **St Nicholas School Outing.** DC has emailed the teacher at St Nicholas School again, suggesting a date in February for an outing to the Soft Play Centre. Awaiting reply. Cost will be £200 or less. **Action: DC**
10. **Food Bank.** BA had spent the cheque for £250 and other cash donations to buy food for the Food Bank before Christmas.
11. **Parkinsons UK.** Update by DB. Agreed donation of £250 would be given. **Action: DB.**
12. **Hi Kent.** Request to support further Lip-Reading classes. £1200 in total needed. DB to investigate possible District Grant. **Action: DB**
13. **AOB:** None.
14. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 11:30 am.