

## Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 via Zoom.

Present: David Barton (Chair), Maxine Blades, Harry Cragg, Sydney Denham, John Hill, Richard Kemball-Cook, and Rosemarie Morton.

David Welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Richard, who has joined the Committee. David also confirmed that Bob Anderson had resigned from the Committee, and thanked Bob for his great contribution to our work over the years.

David noted that he was also looking for a second new member to join the Committee to bring numbers back up to strength.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July were agreed.
2. Charitable funds available: £1284 as per Richards email of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020
  - a. Thanks were given to Rosemarie for her kind donation of funds.
3. CSC activity to date
  - a. £250 towards a new wheelchair (paid)
  - b. Use Ipad donated to 7 year old (no –cost)
4. Busters Books
  - a. Harry noted that he was awaiting an invoice from the school for £299, and that he will contact them to chase this up.
5. Council decisions – David noted the following
  - a. Honey Bears nursery - £1700 has been ring fenced for this project which is currently on-hold. Richard noted that this money had come back to CSC but it was agreed that as neither Bob or Deborah on the Committee that it should go back to Club Council.
  - b. CSC strategy for charitable spending had been approved
6. Proposal to set-up a service for providing used IT equipment for disadvantaged young people – this was discussed by the committee and will not be taken forward as there are already charities in Kent that provide this service – MB identified
  - a. Computers 4 Charity (computers for the disabled)
  - b. Computers for Charity (schools and other charities)
7. Rising Sun – Richard addressed the Committee with details of a project supporting the children of families suffering domestic abuse.
  - a. It was agreed to donate £250 towards £5 book tokens for the children who complete an afterschool project.
  - b. In the near future they are setting up a new refuge in Canterbury for young pregnant abused women and we hope to be involved in this project as there is a big covid related increase in this problem.

8. Request by Rev Phil Greg for financial support for family facing eviction for rent arrears.
  - a. This application was declined by the Committee
9. Request to help Steven Urwin with purchase of electric wheelchair
  - a. The Committee agreed a pledge of £200 towards this, payable when total amount required is raised.
10. Kids Out
  - a. We have supported St Nicholas School for many years and it would be good practice to enquire what the money is needed for. There are pressures in this situation as it is important to collaborate with the other two local clubs.
11. On-going support
  - a. RYLA - £380 ring-fenced for hen RYLA re-starts
  - b. Tools for Self-Reliance – now to be funded by external source
  - c. Parkinsons UK – will await any specific request
12. The role for Community Service during the pandemic and its aftermath will be to alleviate the bad effects of the Covid -19 pandemic. This was agreed enthusiastically by the committee and thought will be given to the PR aspects with the help of Julie.
14. AOB none
15. Date of next meeting TBA

MB 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.