

## **The Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 via Zoom.**

Present: David Barton (Chair), Maxine Blades (Vice Chair), Harry Cragg, John Hill & Richard Kemball-Cook

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15th September were agreed.
2. Charitable funds available £500 as advised by Richard
3. Honey Bears project.
  - a. David noted that Bob Anderson had advised that the nursery will not reopen. The £1700 have been transferred to the Club's charity account.
4. Food Bank
  - a. Offer from Bob Anderson to distribute Xmas treats was declined as substantial donations already made to Food Bank.
5. Wheelchair donation for Steven Unwin has been declined as a cheaper model was purchased by family.
6. Busters Books
  - a. Harry noted that he had send a further email to the school asking for an update
  - b. £299(?) retained for the books
7. Request to help family facing eviction has been withdrawn as funds found elsewhere.
8. RYLA
  - a. John noted that a weekend may run in April so funds (£380) retained to support this.
9. Possible used IT equipment service
  - a. The Committee confirmed that this was not to be taken forward as other provision is available.
10. UKC Bursary Scheme – the Committee declined the opportunity to join this
11. HERStay – Presentation from Judith Collins of new service for homeless single new mums previously housed in the women's refuge being provided by the Rising Sun Charity in Canterbury.
  - a. The Committee was very impressed with the presentation given by Judith and has asked her to provide details of items requiring funding
  - b. The Committee would like to commend this project to the wider Club members and Judith has offered to make a presentation – Richard to liaise with speaker Secretary
12. VCS Voluntary & Community Sector Email from Kevin Grove
  - a. It was felt that this was a matter for Club Council

- b. David to return email to Alan Mepstead

13. AOB

- a. The Committee discussed at length the need to retain its core function of providing small grants to local people. John is to write to Club Council making this position clear in view of the work by the Re-generation Committee.