

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Community Services Committee

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th May via Zoom

Present: David Barton (Chair), Maxine Blades (Vice Chair), Harry Cragg, John Hill, Richard Kemble-Clark, and Rosemarie Morton.

The meeting was joined by VPE Tony Loughran

Apologies from Sidney Denham

Committee Review of proposed two-year Community Services Strategic Plan for 2021/2023

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that, in conjunction with PE Stephen Thompson, he had developed the strategic plan which set out the expected monies available for the committee to allocate over the two years 2021/2022 & 2022/2023. David then asked for comments.

Maxine expressed her approval of the plan as it gives a clear programme for donations, including monies for those organisations we have on-going relationships with, and provision for ad hoc donations as requests are received.

John expressed a similar view and welcomed the monies reserved for ad hoc requests.

Harry asked for confirmation that ad hoc requests will still be supported, and this was given. Harry expressed the view that he would support the new system but noted that there needed to be flexibility should circumstances require this.

Richard was also supportive of the plan and he mentioned his role with Rising Sun.

Rosemarie was muted at this point but expressed her support when able to speak.

A vote to accept the plan was proposed by Maxine and Seconded by John. The Committee voted to approve the plan.

Other Business discussed

1. Food Bank
Several members expressed concern as to the reports of the Food Bank's move to new premises with a rent of £16,000 pa.
Tony suggested that there may be corporate sponsorship, but that in any event he was sure that the Trustees would be confident that the rent is sustainable.
2. Maxine advised John that District hoped to hold the RYLA weekend in October.
3. John offered to hold future meetings of the Committee at his home, but it was agreed to stay with Zoom for the immediate future.

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