

Rotary Club of Canterbury: Community & Voluntary Services Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th Sept 2023, 11:45 am at Kent County Cricket Ground

1. Present: Andrew Barchi, Andrew Clague, Sidney Denham, Gill Dixon, Brian Dobinson, David Lewis, Irina Marta, Mary McGeary, Mike Talbot
2. Tribute for Harry Cragg recognising the many years he had served on this committee and the RC of Canterbury.
3. Apologies: John Hill, Rosemary Morton, Leslie & Alan
4. Minutes of the last meeting held 4 July 2023 were approved.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere: none.
6. Finance – See Committee's draft funding bid for £6000: *the Club Council made £1000 available to the Committee, pending further funds coming in from the Duck Race*
7. Updates on CSC 23/23 Target Charities
 - a. RYLA Maxine *has asked District for an update on likelihood RYLA being held this year.*
 - i. Maxine will also ask the Trustees of the MSTF if the RYLA could be funded by MSTF giving the Committee more funds for their work.
 - b. St Nicholas School Sidney *confirmed that committee should await a request from the school.*
 - c. PWYC: Mike *reported that no request for funds had been made at the Trustees' meeting.*
 - d. Thanington Resource Centre there had been a request via David, ***and it was agreed to fund £70 to buy a printer to ease the admin of this important Wincheap resource in alleviating poverty in the very deprived area.***
 - e. Rising Sun Domestic Violence and Abuse Service. Irina *reported she would be joining theirs Women's' Groups with a view to providing updates on recent legislation to limit exposure to financial coercion which has emerged as a critical area of abuse of women.*
 - f. Salvation Army Huge building works in progress: Andrew Clague *thanked for wonderful support as architect.*
8. Updates Vocational activities
 - a. Innovation Competition: *much discussion and several other organisations were being approached as the STEM aspect was of interest. Maxine was to report back within two weeks of results of her contacts.*
 - b. Writing Comps
 - i. Secondary *only a few entrants so decided not to run it again.*
 - ii. Primary Schools. *Actions needs Oct thru to Feb, Richard mentioned other groups who could be involved and should pursue this.*
 - c. Young Chef comp *This should go ahead. Needs discussions with Sunrise & Soc Ent Kent*
 - d. Public speaking comp *Canterbury heats not happened for a few years so discontinue.*
 - e. F1 *celebration of QEGS gaining place in the World Final in Singapore attended by Brian & Julie*
 - f. Mock Interviews *Club to be involved needs organising in New Year*
9. Ad Hoc requests – see below
 - Community larder ***Agreed to promise £200 for Xmas lunch for isolated vulnerable people at All Saints Church Food Bank, Military Rd***
 - Fencing Club for 19 families with disabled children. ***Agreed £340 for two sets of fencing equipment valued at £170 per set.***
 - Friends & Family carers for dementia sufferers St Martins held over.
10. Combining CSC and VC Committees some Issues discussed.
11. AOB – Directive to meet Charities Commission's requirement.
Of 'Relief of Poverty' re dispensing charitable/non-charitable funds
12. Date of next meeting Tues 3rd Oct Cricket Ground 11.30

Richard Kemball-Cook

Chair C&VSC