

**MINUTES OF THE CLUB COUNCIL MEETING
on Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 6pm
at Kent and Canterbury Club, Old Dover Road, Canterbury**

Present: The President Dr M Griffin; Rotarians: R Boyd-Howell, D Barton, L Norris, S Jordan, R Yonge, V Pritchard, N Fraser, A Mepstead,

In Attendance: D Connolly (Taking Minutes)

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting of 24th July 2018: Agreed.

Matters Arising: It was agreed at the Business Meeting that the Dean would be invited to be Guest Speaker at the Rotary Christmas Dinner. Archbishop Carey and his wife will be invited as guests.

Presidents Business:

The Secretary, R Boyd-Howell, proposed that the Club Council vote to confirm the Council's complete confidence in the President, M Griffin. Seconded by S Jordan and agreed unanimously.

Wendy Jones has been asked to step down temporarily from her role as Dining Secretary, and Sharon Jordan has agreed to take over as Dining Secretary on a temporary basis.

Various complaints have been made within the Club, both verbally and in writing. The Club takes this very seriously and will now investigate all these complaints in accordance with the Rotary Dignity Policy. The President will ask several senior Rotarians to investigate the complaints further. The Council discussed these matters at great length.

The Mini-Group Exchange went extremely well and was a great success. The members all want to remain in touch. The President thanked all Rotarians involved.

Financial Report: The summary of funds for August 2018 was circulated by L Norris, Treasurer, and the items discussed.

Committee Reports:

Club Service:

N Fraser suggested that Rotarians are reminded about putting in for Leave of Absence if away for 3 weeks or more.

The Club needs to increase membership, possibly to consider 2 evening meetings each month, or other changes. R Yonge suggested a membership drive in the New Year.

N Fraser said it would be helpful if the Chairmen of all committees for next year are decided by Christmas.

Community Service: D Barton had nothing to report.

International: V Pritchard discussed the funding for Juba and it was agreed that £2000 would be set aside.

Foundation: No report.

Fund-Raising: Duck Race on Saturday 8th September.

Communications: No report.

Vocational Service:

A Mepstead informed Council that it was likely that the Innovation Competition will run again next year.

A Vocational trip to the Salvation Army will happen next year.

Membership: R Yonge discussed 'phantom' members who never attend meetings and how to manage the issue.

Secretary's Announcements:

District Council Meeting: 16th September

Leave of Absence: Roger Bickerton, 28th August to 15th September; R Yonge, 12th September to 5th October.

Agenda for Business Meeting: for 4th September 2018 was agreed.

Any Other Business:

L Norris said that hearing aid devices (via Hi-Kent) at each dining table would be helpful.
(Action: S Jordan.)

D Barton asked for microphones to be set up at meetings. He also informed Council that an Awards Committee meeting would be arranged soon, and suggestions would be welcome.

R Yonge suggested that it may be helpful to prepare the next President for the role, possibly by a mentor. (Action: Membership Committee)

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 6pm at Kent and Canterbury Club.