

## Rotary Club of Canterbury

### Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 18:00 Hours

Present: S. Thompson (ST), M. Ward (MW), P. Hermitage (PH), M. Blades (MB), K. Maunick (KM), A. Loughran (AL), A. Mepstead (AM).

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking Minutes

Apologies: None

Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> July: Approved

#### 1. Matters Arising

Video Conferencing system fully operational. A new laptop, webcam and a stand-alone microphone will be required to enhance the user experience. MW will investigate cost and report back at the next meeting.

Zoom booking system tested. User instructions will be shared with members via email.

#### 2. President's Business

##### a) Correspondence

District proposal for Environmental grants up to £300 Council agreed to recommend and to share details to club at next Business meeting.

District proposal to launch e-magazine to replace South-East updates. ST to check with Julie Reza to see if articles from the club website can be shared perhaps two to three times a year rather than creating additional work.

Email request from Sea cadets looking for volunteers in advisory/governance roles shared with club members.

##### b) Replacement Members Representative for Club Council

ST suggested that Brian Dobinson should become the members representative on council subject to club approval. Proposed by PH and seconded by AM.

##### c) Burns Night Dinner

ST advised the date for the Burns Night Dinner will change to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This is due to the availability of the piper. This was approved by council.

##### d) Rotary Work Club

ST will arrange a meeting to discuss the Rotary Work Club in the next couple of weeks.

##### e) Definition of Rotary Widow

MB has updated the list of widows of former Rotarians. The current definition of who should be included will remain but be subject to some discretion.

#### 3. Vice President Vacancy

ST was pleased to announce that Rosemary Doyle has been proposed to fill the vacancy of Vice President. This is proposed by Harry Cragg and seconded by Robert Yonge.

#### 4. President Elect Report

AL provided the following summary of the activities of Community Service, International and Vocational Committees.

##### Community Service (CS)

- i. Completion of distribution of money from Honeybears and Masons (1K). CS committee has minuted this as requested.
- ii. President's Strategic Plan-CS committee responsible for 4 nominated charities. AL/MB confirmed that the sums noted were the President's expected donations subject to funds being available.

- iii. Richard and Cora Kemball-Cook hosted a concert at their home A total of £300 was raised which will be split between the Prince of Wales (POW) and the Rising Sun charities.
- iv. POW will receive £250 donation for boxing match subject to availability of funding.
- v. Support for POW boxing tournament discussed. Further details available by time of next meeting.
- vi. Pending Gift Aid repayment funds will come back into the club charity account for distribution across committees (Except for Foundation, Polio Plus and Drinking Fountain).
- vii. Men's Club-requires further definition to understand scope and role of Canterbury Rotary Club.

#### International

No meeting in August.

#### Juba

Please see Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

#### Crocuses

AL confirmed RIBI receipt of request for 12k Crocuses. Will be received Sep/Oct 2021. Bob Anderson funded 4k. These will be distributed to schools. Vocational Committee will be asked to help co-ordinate planting with schools. Remaining 8k will be for club sales. This will be co-ordinated by AL and Viv Pritchard in September.

#### Vocational

No meeting in August.

### **5. Vice President Report**

AM provided the following report

- i. Dining. Some members having difficulty using the Event Management System. Further training proposed.
- ii. Dining Secretary will speak to caterers about Vegetarian options as current offerings not meeting expectations.
- iii. Dining Club Accounts-Roger Power has been working on reconciling accounts. He has concluded that a credit of £3446 is shown against 20 members accounts. AL has taken ownership of this issue.
- iv. 100 Club-56 members. First draw at the end of September.
- v. Awards-Nothing to report
- vi. Fund Raising- Race night details finalised. 50 attendees expected.
- vii. Planning for Duck race underway. Sponsorship difficult. Some assistance from "My Canterbury".
- viii. Sailor Ted- Nothing to report
- ix. Speakers Secretary- Nothing to report
- x. Book Club- Nothing to report
- xi. Registrar-Nothing to report

### **6. Financial Report**

KM presented the accounts (now posted on the club website).

#### a) Dining

Work is ongoing to reconcile dining accounts to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. AL to finish his report. A volunteer from the Club is required to review the standing order payments made as some members may need to increase their payments.

#### b) Subscriptions

MB and KM continue to chase up subscription payments. At the time of the meeting 6 payments were outstanding.

#### c) Internet Banking

ST provided an update on progress. Work ongoing.

d) Gift Aid

Gift Aid has been reclaimed.

e) Funds

A sum of £679.77 to be transferred from Charity General account to International committee subject to approval.

## 7. Recruitment

MW demonstrated a new webpage that can be used by non- members to find out more about events. This includes an option to sign up. Council authorised MW to launch this asap.

ST and AL to host a buffet for potential new members from the Round Table.

## 8. Business Meeting Agenda Items

The following subjects will be included at the next meeting

- Summary of key points of Club Council Meeting
- Proposal for District Environmental grant.
- District monthly e-magazine
- Nominations for District Posts
- Crocuses
- Members representative on Club Council
- Revised date for Burns Night Dinner
- Duck Race
- Macbeth

## 9. Club Programme

MB and MW creating email lists for widows and Friends of Rotary so that invitations to club events can be extended to interested parties.

## 10. Any Other Business

None

**Date of next meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 18:00 via Zoom**

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**Appendix 1-Juba Report prepared by Viv Pritchard**

## REPORT TO CLUB COUNCIL

### JUBA BURSARY PROJECT

The JPP3 Juba Bursary Project is complete and all payments have been made. A final report on the project was presented to the Pentangular Presidents at the November 2020 meeting. At that stage, some payments were still outstanding but it was anticipated that the project would finish with a small surplus. It was agreed by the Club and by our Pentangular partners that any surplus would be made available to the Juba School as a legacy fund for future bursaries.

At the end of the project there are two accounts showing residual balances:

Sterling Account – balance £919.39

US Dollar Account – balance \$141.39, estimated equivalent £105

Total estimated surplus £1,024

Our initial assumption was that an additional expenditure of £150 would be set aside for a final Independent Financial Examination, to be carried out by Dick Beath of the Salisbury Diocese on his next visit to Juba. My view is that a visit to Juba is very unlikely in the near future and little is to be gained by delaying final completion of this project indefinitely.

I have prepared a final financial statement to reconcile income and expenditure with the bank statements. The analysis can only be based on estimated values as, throughout the 4 year project, transactions have been made in different currencies, i.e., Sterling, US dollars and Euros. This analysis is available to any club member, if required.

**It is proposed that the final surplus, estimated at £1,024, should be donated to the Salisbury Diocese with the specific request that it should be used for future bursaries for students from poor families to the Juba School.**

Viv Pritchard  
Chairman – International Service Committee