

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club Council meeting held on Monday 25th October 2021 at 18:00 Hours

Present: S. Thompson (ST), M. Blades (MB), K. Maunick (KM), Brian Dobinson (BD), P. Hermitage (PH),
M. Ward (MW).

In Attendance: C. Lees (CL) Taking minutes

Apologies: R. Doyle (RD), A. Mepstead (AM), A. Loughran (AL).

Minutes of the meeting of 27th September: Approved

1. Matters Arising

MW advised that the estimated cost for Video Conferencing system and conference booking upgrade is £600. The booking system is now live. MW will circulate the link for the site to all committee chairs.

AL has contacted members regarding refunding dining account credits. Arrangements for repayment will be finalised by AL and ST.

2. President's Business

a) Correspondence

MB has copied newsletters to Honorary members. Some complications copying newsletters to non- members (e.g., widows) as embedded links to the members area on the website cannot be accessed without log on.

Feedback on new district magazine requested. ST will raise this at the next Business meeting.

b) Pentangular Christmas Event

ST reported work progressing on Christmas Carol event. Date to be agreed at the Pentangular Presidents meeting in November.

c) Rotary Work Club

ST has requested that this initiative is deferred until next year.

d) Water bottle refilling station

ST reported that Stage 1 approved by Viridor. Stage 2 to be submitted. Architect working on 3 quotes. Will be discussed at Centenary meeting on 26th October. Launch of fundraising campaign to follow shortly.

e) Poppy Appeal

ST advised that 9 members have volunteered to sell poppies.

f) Pentangular Presidents Meeting

The Pentangular Presidents meeting will take place in Leuven in November. ST and AL will attend the meeting in person.

g) Awards Committee

Roger Bickerton has written to the club to thank members for his Honorary membership award.

h) Co-operation with other Rotary Clubs

Successful joint event on 24th October with Canterbury Sunrise and Forest of Blean Rotary clubs to light up St Dunstan's church for world Polio day. ST arranging a meeting between AL and the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the three Canterbury clubs to discuss further projects.

3. President Elect Report

AL provided the following summary of the activities of Community Service, International and Vocational Committees. Full details can be found in the Committee reports on the club website.

Community Service (CS)

CS primary focus will be on the following areas:

ST Nicholas School, Prince of Wales Youth Club, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Canterbury Food Bank.

The Committee also agreed that the money should be spent on smaller projects enabling more beneficiaries.

Request from Pilgrims Way School for funding described in Any Other Business of this document.

International

a) Juba

Viv Pritchard (VP) confirmed £1k surplus can be sent to Salisbury diocese. Margaret Griffin will liaise with the school to agree best use for funds

b) Dhaka

Potential to work with Rotary Club of Dhaka. There are 2 projects of interest. One is to provide new water supplies to coastal areas of Bangladesh. The second is to provide cataract surgery for poor communities.

£700 to be transferred including donations from Julie Reza and Rosemarie Morton.

c) ShelterBox

One ShelterBox purchased in response to the Haiti Earthquake.

Vocational Service

- a) Senior School Writing competition for 12-18 year olds in Kent, Sussex and Essex launched. Closing date is 15th January 2022.
- b) Primary Schools Writing Competition Writing to be launched on 1st November 2021. Deadline for entries is 10th December 2021.
- c) Innovation Competition awards delivered to schools. Entries for new competition due by 31st March 2022

Crocuses

500 Crocus corms to be planted by 8 Primary Schools and a Local residents association. Each school received an information pack explaining the purpose Polio Plus campaign. Additional 6000 corms were distributed to Club Members. AL will report final total raised at the next Club Council meeting.

4. Vice President Report

RD provided the following report

- i. Numbers attending meetings are being recorded and will be reconciled with dining accounts at the end of 2021.
- ii. 100 Club-58 members with 6 pending. Next draw January 2022
- iii. Speakers booked up to January 2022.
- iv. Full list of upcoming club fundraising events can be found in the club programme.

5. Financial Report

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

- a) Club council agreed the following allocation of funds:

£1850	Joint Pentangular Project 5
£750	District Grant Reserve
£850	Vocational
£300	Community Service
£250	International

- b) Total raised from donations in memory of Bob Anderson was £1015 plus Gift Aid.
- c) Final Payment for Juba in progress. ST will follow up.
- d) ST to liaise with RD regarding Dining Account uplift of members standing orders to reflect current price of meals.
- e) No volunteers for Account Scrutineer role
- f) No progress on setting up Internet bank account for the club.
- g) Presidential Chain name bars. Need to purchase five bars at £30 each. Club Council suggested that one is purchased to assess quality before committing to purchasing the remainder. MB will organise.

6. Recruitment

MW reported Jim Gascoyne will become a new member subject to completion of application process. Club council will support assuming no objections to the appointment from Club Members.

3 other potential new members.

7. Rotary Friends and Rotary Widows Communications

ST will circulate current list of Rotary Friends to Club Council members to check for omissions. Group email addresses for Rotary Friends and widows administered by MB.

8. Business Meeting Agenda Items

The following subjects will be included at the next meeting

- Summary of key points of Club Council Meeting
- District Magazine Feedback
- Pentangular Christmas Carol Event
- Centenary update
- Pentangular update
- Induction of new member
- Committee Spending activities
- Half Year review of Regeneration Programme-January 2022 Business meeting
- Integration of Afghani evacuee children at Pilgrims Way School

9. Club Programme

Details available on the club website and in the monthly newsletter.

10. Any Other Business

MB received request from Pilgrims Way school for money to assist the integration of Afghani evacuee children. This may include purchasing tablets to aid in language development or team building activities. Awaiting written proposal from school regarding exact requirements and cost. Will be raised at the Business meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 29th November 2021 at 18:00 via Zoom
