

Rotary Club of Canterbury
Minutes of the meeting of the Club Council on Monday, 29th November 2021 at 6pm via Zoom

1. Present: Stephen Thompson, Alan Mepstead, Maxine Blades, Peter Hermitage, Rosemary Doyle and Brian Dobson
2. Apologies - Tony Loughran, Kailash Maunick and Caroline Lees
3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th October 2021 were approved.
 - a. Matters arising not covered elsewhere
 - i. Video Conferencing equipment quotations –
 - I. Martin is progressing this.
 - ii. Zoom meeting booking system email –
 - I. Martin confirmed that an email with details of how to book a zoom slot had been sent to relevant members
 - iii. Stephen reported that pre-July 2021 Dining Refunds now completed
4. Correspondence
 - a. Maxine's List of correspondence received by her was reviewed. Several items are discussed elsewhere in the meeting.
5. President's Business
 - a. Tip to Cricket Ground Staff agreed at £100
 - b. Pentangular Christmas Carols –
 - i. Stephen confirmed that this was now booked for the evening of Wednesday 22nd December via Zoom, although the Canterbury Club will meet and sing together. Venue TBA depending on numbers.
 - ii. Stephen noted that he had asked Robin Vickers to act as 'music director'.
 - iii. All of the Clubs will be joining the event.
 - iv. Stephen to send out email to Club members asking for support.
 - c. Water Bottle Refilling fundraising update –
 - i. Stephen noted that the fundraising leaflets have been sent out to members and others, but as of today, he had had only one response. Stephen expressed his concern at the lack of engagement and asked if there was a problem. Council Members thought not, but just that there was a lot going on and members might need a prompt.
 - ii. Stephen was asked about major grant funders. He noted that the Stage 2 application to Viridor was scheduled for February once the technical specifications and quotations are ready.
 - d. Christmas Party, 18th December
 - i. Stephen noted that 59 people had booked but that there was another week before the deadline.
 - ii. Maxine noted that she had been asked by a member if the Widows attending the Xmas Dinner were FOC. The Council re-confirmed the policy that they were to pay.
 - e. Special General Meeting 7th December 2021
 - i. Stephen noted that there are vacancies for the posts – Treasurer and Vice President and asked Council to think about who could be approached for these roles.
 - ii. Stephen also expressed his thanks to Kailash who, although very busy with work, has agreed to stay on as Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

f. Centenary Party –

- i. Stephen noted that so far 53 people had accepted the invitation to attend.
- ii. Stephen noted that he and Martin had visited the Malthouse for a site visit to check on facilities, catering etc. Extra charges to be incurred for hire of seating and tables and he is now looking at a hot meal option. Kings' have offered to run a minibus from car park to venue for £100 and this was agreed. Current spend likely to be £600 over budget.
- iii. Maxine noted that she had had requests for 'blue badge' parking at venue, Stephen noted that there are 19 parking spaces so this should be ok.
- iv. Maxine asked about banking the cheques that she is holding. Stephen advised her to send these to Kailash.

6. Cooperation with Local Clubs –

- a. Stephen and Tony have met with Presidents and VP's of Sunrise and Forest of Blean who are keen to work on events together.
- b. Forest of Blean are purchasing credit card machines for use with this years Santa's Float and have suggested that the other Clubs buy some to share for events.
- c. Stephen noted that there was interest in a possible shared project like Top Choir Kent. Council were welcomed this idea but those previously involved noted that it had been a big undertaking requiring specialist skills.
- d. Next meeting for this group is at 2.00pm 26th January 2022. Peter and Martin agreed to join the meeting to share their experience of running such a large scale fundraiser.

7. President Elect Report – Stephen noted Tony Loughran's report.

- a. Matters arising:
 - i. Pilgrims Way School – funding decision
 - I. Council discussed Tony's recommendation that £500 from Charity Account be donated to Pilgrims Way School towards funding the trip to the Panto.
 - i) Stephen is to ask Viv Pritchard to approve this.
 - ii) Stephen noted that he is keen to see if the other Canterbury Clubs would consider funding some of the other activities and will write to FoB and Sunrise Clubs.
 - iii) Maxine to ask the school if they have any other visits/events planned so that details can be provided.
- b. Report on Pentangular Presidents Meeting – Stephen reviewed the report from the Pentangular Presidents meeting held on Saturday, 27th November via Zoon (attached)
- c. Stephen noted that Port Lympne has returned the £500 deposit.

8. Vice President Report –

- a. Rosemary apologised that as she had been away on holiday, she didn't have much to report
- b. Graham had confirmed 100 Club
- c. Stephen noted that he is to ask Rosemary to review the standing orders being paid into the dining account and talk to those whose quarterly s/o is insufficient to cover meals taken.

9. Treasurer's Report – Kailash had supplied statement of accounts and a commentary

- a. Finance report – balances as per report

- b. Duck Race result & final transfer to Charity a/c – as per report. It was noted however that the corporate sponsorship had made over £900.
- c. Stephen requested that Council approve the transfer of £1200 from Duck Race proceeds to the spending Committees – approved.
- d. Request to add Gift Aid to Eclipse Donation suggested by Brian was approved.
- e. Juba payment to Diocese of Salisbury had been made and cheque cashed.
- f. Replacement Dining Accounts Scrutineer – Stephen asked everyone to think of a volunteer.
- g. Presidential Chain name bars – Maxine noted that, as a trial, she had purchased one for Stephen which matched those on the collar. Council was asked to approve the purchase of the other four bars need to bring the collar UpToDate – this was approved.

10. Recruitment –

- a. Martin noted that there were currently two applications from potential new members: Viv Heard and Anthonia Moses.
- b. Viv Hird is meeting the Membership Committee shortly.
- c. Application form from Anthonia has been received by needs countersigning by Brian
- d. Other Prospective Members – none at present
- e. List of Rotary Friends (attached) – Stephen noted that this had been updated.

11. Business Meeting items for agenda

- a. Maxine requested the name Club contact for Tools for Self-Reliance as she had received two emails offering donations and was advised that this is Caroline.
- b. Martin advised that arrangements for PayPal payments have changed due the account being recognised as a 'charity account'. Pay pal will now only be available for charitable activities and not event payments. There is a message on the website directing anyone with queries on this to the Dining Secretary.

12. Club Programme

- a. 30/11 Falconry Evening
- b. 7/12 Special General Meeting and Business Meeting
- c. 14/12 Guest Speaker -Dr Erica Thompson talking on Climate Change impact on UK agriculture
- d. 18/12 Xmas Dinner
- e. 22/12 Christmas Carols.

13. Any other business – none.