

**Rotary Club of Canterbury  
Minutes of the Community Service Committee  
7 August 2018**

**Attendance:** PPs David Barton (Chairman), Sidney Denham, Harry Cragg, John Hill Rotarians Deborah Connolly, Andrew Barchi, Bob Anderson and Dee Mepstead.

**Apologies:** Rosemary Morton

The meeting was preceded with a short presentation on the work and funding of Canterbury Street Pastors (CSP) by Gemma Witts and Margaret Northey of the organisation – see item 5 below.

1. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July were agreed.
2. **Charitable Funds Available:** £1,084.
3. **Policy for Presentation of Donations.** A new club policy was being considered whereby all donations of £500 or over should be made by presentation at a club meeting. The Committee agreed to support this policy provided that it did not delay the delivery of the donation to the recipient organisation, the Committee's policy being that, where possible, donated funds should be made available within a month of the decision to make the grant.
4. **Review of Committee Policy.** This would be a separate item for consideration at the September meeting.
5. **Canterbury Street Pastors.** A donation of £300 was agreed.
6. **Action on Hearing Loss.** The Chairman agreed to inform Roper House that we could not offer financial support at present but would consider future requests sympathetically, subject to the availability of funds.
7. **Website request by a Breast Feeding Support Group.** DM had investigated the position and could not recommend the project as suitable for a donation by the Committee.
8. **Kent MS Therapy Centre.** DC will be presenting a cheque for £400 on Friday 10 August.
9. **Canterbury Recorder.** The Committee's agreed grant of £520 will be presented at the Club meeting 21 August.
10. **Hockey for Heroes (HfH).** Awaiting a reply from Aurora Mears.
11. **Modern Slavery.** An initiative by the Archbishop of Canterbury has led to a smart phone "reporting App" being available through C of E churches.
12. **AL4FUN** A request for financial help in funding a weekend trip for deprived families had been received from the Quern Community Centre and was deemed worthy of our support. A donation of £200 was agreed.
13. **Canterbury Food Bank (CFB).** RA reminded the Committee of the significant support given by the club over the last 3 years or so and whilst the need for CFB's services

were especially high during the school holidays, as this was one of the President's nominated charities this year he suggested we should let any club support be made by the President.

**14. Tools for Self Reliance (TSR).** RA requested that he be able to give TSR an immediate pledge of £250 towards their running costs – this would be part of the £500 budget agreed at the July meeting. This was agreed.

**15. Prince of Wales YC.** RA reported on a Community Christmas Lunch being provided in conjunction with the Lord Mayor's Christmas Gift Fund and suggested a donation of £350 towards the cost of the event. This was agreed.

**16. Rachel Hanagan.** Julie Reza had provided an update on Rachel's progress with the Olympic Skeleton Squad and was in contact with her. No Committee financial support was available at present.

**17. RYLA.** JH reported that the £250 cheque in respect of our two attendees had been sent to the organisers.

**18. Date of Next Meeting :** 4 September 2018