

## Minutes of Meeting of International Committee of February 13th 2018

Present: Robert Boyd-Howell; Gill Dickson; Graham Bough; John Bobba; Margaret Griffin; Mary Mc Geary; Wendy Jones; Kailash Maunick; Mario Dasan and Caroline Lees.

Apologies: Robin Vickers; Viv Pritchard and Tony Pomeroy

1. The meeting opened at 18.00 hours and the minutes of the meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 were read and approved.

2. Lend with Care

The new website for Lend with Care is now up and running. For the benefit of the newer members of the committee Robert outlined the concept behind this organization.

Lendwithcare.org is a microfinance website set up by aid organisation Care International Uk. Small loans (not handouts) are given to entrepreneurs in developing countries to enable them to grow or expand their business. These loans are repaid over six to twelve months and no interest is paid on the loan. The entrepreneurs receive 100% of the loan, the rate of default on the loan is virtually nil and once repaid the lender can either choose to withdraw the money or recycle it into another loan. We will continue with our support of this organization and will consider increasing this support.

3. Juba

As it is still our priority to get the Global Grant this is still a work in progress awaiting the resolving of outstanding issues relating to Juba Rotary. The school reopens at the end of February and only then will we know the number of students we will be sponsoring in year 2. General discussion followed on alternative available sources of funding should the grant be delayed.

4. Mr. Waggit

On Tuesday 20th February a Mr. Waggit will be the guest speaker on behalf of an Indian Charity at the lunchtime meeting. Margaret agreed to host the gentleman in the light of Robert's absence.

The meeting finished at 18.55

Robert will take charge of this project and will now be in contact with Colin

5. Finance:

We have £5262.85 in funds -this may not include the award of £500 to the Charia Project in Kenya. A discussion ensued as to the distribution of funds and the decision was made to hold £2500 in reserve for any emergencies which may arise in the coming year whilst releasing funds to those Charities which receive funding on

9.Any Other International Business:

Members were asked to inform Robert in advance of the next meeting of any International Business for discussion at the meeting

10. Date of next meeting;

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018