

# ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Kailash Maunick, Julie Reza, John Bobba, Margaret Griffin, Graham Bough, Michael Leadbeater, Gerald Colson, Rosemary Doyle.

1. Apologies – Wendy Jones, Caroline Lees, Robin Vickers
2. Minutes of last meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - agreed
3. Review of the Terms of Reference of the committee – the chairman had circulated the current terms of reference, as set out on the club website. It was agreed that these set out in general terms the current role of the committee. Julie suggested that mention should be made of the Lend with Care initiative, which the committee had started supporting since the terms of reference were drawn up. This was agreed.
4. Review of Funding criteria – the chairman had circulated a paper on “Hermitage Criteria”, which had been drawn up over 10 years ago to set the parameters for making donations to international charities. The committee agreed that the Hermitage Criteria were still valid. Viv commented that, in there will be considerable pressure on funds for the next year or two. He felt that, during this period, support for local students travelling to developing countries would be a lower priority for the committee and that applications should be referred to the Millennium Scholarship Fund.
5. Ideas for funding – the list of projects supported 2017/18 had been circulated to illustrate the types of awards made. There was a general discussion on the types of organisations the committee would prefer to support, especially smaller international charities which have a local link. It was agreed that organisation which receive support, should be invited to address the club to inform members of their work. Gerald will invite the coordinator of the Kent College charity, which supports a village in Africa, to a future committee meeting
6. Budget – Current funds available £4,455
7. Confirmation of donation to Rohingya refugees and Chaaria – Julie explained that, at a previous meeting, the committee had considered a donations to these causes. Members of Julie’s family had already pledged donations and the committee had indicated that it would match the contribution. The committee unanimously agreed to confirm this match funding and Viv will arrange with the Treasurer the appropriate payment of £150 each to Rohingya refugees and the Chaaria Hospital.
8. Update on Juba Project – Viv gave a very brief update on the project, specifically the unsuccessful bid for Global Grant. At a recent Business Meeting, this matter had been discussed in detail and the Club had pledged to honour its commitment to the Juba students to cover the cost of bursaries for the full 4 years. Out of a projected total project cost of £42,500, the Club had raised £25,600, which leaves the Club needing to raise a further £16,900 over the remaining 2 years. There was a discussion on ways to raise additional money, from pentangular partners and district grants – both

of these will be explored. Viv has sent a report to the pentangular presidents. It was agreed that the International Committee should set aside £2,000 from its current 2018/19 budget towards the Juba bursaries. This project will be monitored closely by the committee at future meetings.

9. Lend with Care – Kailash has agreed to manage the Lend with Care scheme on behalf of the committee and will report to each meeting. He will need to liaise with Robert Boyd-Howell to understand fully the process for making loans.

Lend with Care is a microcredit scheme to provide loans to entrepreneurs in developing countries. To date, the Club has made 53 loans, helped 345 entrepreneurs, helped 1260 family members and created 238 jobs. Currently our account has £425 credit, which is available to make further loans.

10. Any other business - none

11. Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.00pm