

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Margaret Griffin, Caroline Lees, Dee Mepstead, Rosemary Doyle, Julie Reza, Michael Leadbeater.

1. Apologies received from - Kailash Maunick, Jenny Brown. Graham Bough, Jan Bobba, Robin Vickers, Gill Dixon, Leonard Rea.
2. Minutes of last meeting – 12th March 2019 agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. RC Dhaka – JR has investigated charities in Bangladesh and has been in touch with RC Dhaka, who we have previously supported. They currently have a project to provide girls with hygiene kit bags. Although they hope to be able to get these to the Rohingya refugee camps, there can be no guarantee as the camps are under the control of the UN. **The committee agree to make a donation of £300.**
 - b. DESO – VP confirmed that a donation of £300 has been sent to DESO and he has received a letter of thanks.
 - c. Healthcare Ethiopia Partnership – VP explained his contact with HEP. They have very recently sent out a team of midwives and sought assistance to purchase refrigeration units to store medication essential for new mothers. Members of the committee agreed to fund three units for three health centres at a total cost of £486. **VP has sent the donation of £486 to HEP accordingly.**
4. Shelterbox – Cyclone Idai
 - a. Confirmed that members of the committee agreed, by email, to emergency donation to Shelterbox for the Cyclone Idai relief effort, to be funded from the International Service Committee. **The treasurer has sent the donation of £590.**
 - b. In addition, two street collections were organised at short notice. There was good support from members of the club and we were helped by volunteers from RC Canterbury Sunrise and the Inner Wheel. A total of about £720 was collection and three very generous donations were received. With gift aid, it is anticipated that there will be close to sufficient funds for a further three shelterboxes. **VP to contact the treasurer to arrange further payment for three boxes. Members agreed that the committee will fund any shortfall.**
5. Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Update – MG updated the committee on her recent visit. There were very positive developments. MG had met representatives of the UK government and US agencies, who were impressed by the success achieved by the school. She had also met the new leaders of the RC Juba, who are determined to take on a positive role in future. Dick Beath visited the school at the same time and undertook a financial investigation to ensure good management and probity in relation to the bursary project. He has submitted his report and has confirmed that he was able to account for all the money donated to date.

- b. Budget – VP has produced a summary of the current financial situation – see end of minutes. Funding is already secured for Year 3 and the budget projections for Year 4 appear to be manageable.

- 6. Lend with Care – The current account with LwC totals £1500. Kailash is currently increasing this to £2,000. A further seven loans of £30 each was made last month, and 41 small repayments of past loans were paid. The current balance available to make new loans is £375.
To date – 82 loans have been made. 448 entrepreneurs have been supported, 1590 family member helped, and 313 jobs created.
Any member wishing to find out about the scheme can check out their website:
lendwithcare.org
Login: rboydhowell@gmail.com
Password: 15ROT16BH

- 7. Budget – Before the meeting, the funding available to the committee was about £2,000.

- 8. Ideas for new donations

- a. Songsten – VP had spoken to Richard K-C who provided details of a charity supporting abandoned children in Nepal through a trustee based locally. The children were being cared for by Buddhist monks. Robin V has checked out the website and the charity commission and commented that the organisation has underspent its income over the past 3 years and did not appear to be short of funds. There was some concern by members of the strong emphasis on religion/ philosophy by the organisation. It was decided to defer consideration of a donation at this stage.
- b. New Life Nyambene – John Hill had spoken to VP about this small organisation which provides shelter, food and education for street children in Kenya. John H knows a local lady who is closely involved. Robin V has checked out the organisation and confirmed that they have very limited funds, so any donation would make a real difference. **The committee agreed to offer a donation of £500 to New Life Nyambene.**
- c. Water Aid – VP tried to make contact through a friend, but the friend's daughter no longer works for them. VP will make further enquiries to explore whether we could support a specific project.
- d. Environmental – CL has undertaken some investigation but most environmental charities appear to be large international organisations. She will investigate Hadlow College and Seeds for Africa and report to the next meeting.
- e. Save the Children – the committee remains keen to support refugees from Syria and the Yemen. VP to pursue matter with Cora Kemball-Cook who helps with fundraising for the local branch of Save the Children.

- 9. Any other business - none

- 10. Date of next meeting – 14th May 2019, at 6.00pm, time to be confirmed

JPP3 – JUBA BURSARY PROJECT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY as at March 2019

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT

Year	Anticipated No of students	Cost of Bursaries US \$	Additional expenses US\$	Total Annual Cost	Total Sum transferred inc exp	Sum yet to be raised
Year 1 2017	60	14,020	132	14,152	14,152	nil
Year 2 2018	48	9,391	132	9,523	9,523	nil
Year 3 2019	45	Est 8,900	Est 315	Est 9,215	1,695	nil
Year 4 2020	45	Est 8,900	Est 315	Est 9,215	nil	6,556
TOTALS		\$41,300		Est \$42,105	\$25,370	\$6,561

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

INCOME SECURED TO DATE:

Income source	Total Contribution US\$	
Rotary Clubs:		
Canterbury	4,154	
St Quentin	4,122	
Ludenscheid	6,472	
Leuven	4,143	
Leiden	4,346	
Juba	90	
Total from Rotary Clubs	23,327	
Other fundraising:		
District Grant – Year 3	1,000	
Open Farm Day 1	1,333	
International Committee	2,500	
Rotarian donations	6,604	
Gift Aid	780	
Total	12,217	
Total funds raised to date	US\$ 35,544	

POTENTIAL INCOME

Income source	Expected date of transfer	Deposits US\$ (Est)
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Music hall concert	Apr 2019	1,300
Gift Aid	Apr 2019	1,933
Open Farm Day 2	Jul 2019	1,300
District grant – Year 4?	Nov 2019	1,000
Total planned funds		US\$5,533

EXPENDITURE TO DATE:

Transfer of bursary funds to Juba School	Date of transfer	Amount of transfer US\$	Expenses & bank transfer charges US\$	Total annual expenditure
Year 1 total	5 stage payments Jul-Nov 2017	14,020	132	14,152
Year 2 total	5 stage payments Feb-Oct 2018	9,391	132	9,523
Year 3 to date	1 st stage payment Mar 2019	1,500	195	1,695
Total expenditure to date				US\$25,371

PLANNED EXPENDITURE:

Transfer of bursary funds to Juba School	Date of transfer	Amount of transfer US\$	Est Expenses & bank transfer charges US\$	Total annual expenditure
Year 3 to complete	3 stage payments Apr-Oct 2019	7,400	120	7,520
Year 4 to complete	4 stage payments Mar-Oct 2020	8,900	315	9,215
Total expenditure (future)				US\$16,735