

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2019

In attendance: Viv Pritchard (Chairman), Margaret Griffin, Graham Bough, Michael Leadbeater, Rosemary Doyle, Bob Anderson.

1. Apologies received from - Gill Dixon, Kailash Maunick, Robin Vickers, Julie Reza.
2. Minutes of last meeting – 11th June 2019 agreed except item 8 – substitute “Tools for Africa” for “Tools for Self Reliance”.
3. Matters arising
 - a. RC Dhaka – JR has sorted out contact details and payment has been made by the Treasurer.
 - b. Open your Heart to Bhutan – Donation of £500 made and thank you letter received.
4. Role of the committee – the current terms of reference were circulated ahead of the meeting. There was discussion on the principle of giving preference to local charities. It was generally agreed that local should mean organisations with connections in Kent, though this is not an absolute requirement. There was discussion on whether a quorum should be set for meetings to make decisions on donations - it was felt that a minimum of 5 people should be present to make decisions. Post meeting, it was pointed out that the Community Services committee has a limit of £1,000 for individual donations and any award greater than this should be referred to Club Council. Revised Terms of Reference will be prepared and presented to the next meeting.
5. Juba Bursary Project
 - a. Update – MG reported that there had been a 100% pass rate in the latest examinations at the school. Also consideration is being given to allow students at the school to sit A level exams. This would significantly raise the profile of the school and open new opportunities for successful students.
 - b. Budget – VP has drafted an update of the financial statement of the project and has discussed details with the Treasurer. Further discussions are to be held at the next Club Council meeting.
6. Lend with Care – The current account total is £2,050. Up to now, 136 loans have been made worth a total of £4951. The credit balance now stands at £260.
7. Budget – Before the meeting, the funding available to the committee was £1,300. VP pointed out that no further funds will be made available until after the Duck Race, probably in October.
8. Ideas for new donations – paper circulated prior to the meeting.
 - a. Kodeni School, Burkino Faso – will defer consideration to a future meeting when hopefully CL will be able provide more detailed information.
 - b. Environmental project in Zambia – Chipembele – VP has been in touch with Imogen Sayer. This project has been chosen as Inner Wheel’s international project for the coming year. A presentation will be made to the IW at their meeting in the morning of 22nd August and

Imogen has invited members of Rotary to attend. Please advise VP if you wish to attend so that we can let IW know.

- c. Seeds for Africa – no further progress since last meeting.
- d. Transaid – VP has contacted Canterbury Sunrise RC who have supported this project and subsequently has spoken to a representative of Transaid. They have offered to attend one of our meetings to make a presentation of their work generally and of their project to tackle malaria in Zambia. VP will discuss with the speakers secretary.
- e. WasteAid – MG passed on contact details to VP and further discussions have been held. This appears to be a very suitable project which tackles poverty and environmental improvements, which the committee has been keen to support. BA has checked the WasteAid and charity commission websites. They appear to be a relatively small organisation with limited funds. They have not yet submitted accounts for 2018, though GB pointed out that the deadline for submission of annual accounts is October. **The committee agreed to give a donation of £300 towards their plastics recycling centre in Cameroon.**

9. Times and dates of future meetings – VP pointed out that he has been disappointed by the attendance at many meetings over the past year, although he understands that many members have conflicting priorities. It was agreed that VP would send an email to all members of the committee to seek their views on the options for different dates and times of future meetings – whether to continue with 6pm meeting on the second Tuesdays of the month, ahead of the evening club meeting **or** meet before or after a lunchtime meeting.

10. Any other business

- a. Tools for Self Reliance – VP expressed a wish to visit the TFSR workshop in Canterbury and to discuss with them possible support from the committee. BA agreed to make arrangements.

Post meeting note: Arrangements have been made to visit the workshop on Tuesday 13th August at 10.00. The workshop is located in the Coach House building which is located at the top left hand corner of the car park attached to the Ann Robertson Centre, 55 London Rd, Canterbury CT2 8HQ. This is next to the Hospice and the grounds are linked.

11. Date of next meeting – 13th August 2019, at 6.00pm to be confirmed.