

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

Present: Viv Pritchard (VP) (Chair), Tony Laughran (TL), Robin Vickers (RV), Caroline Lees (CL), Gill Dixon (GD), Julie Reza (JR), Rosemary Doyle (RD)

1. Apologies – Kailash Maunick, Graham Bough, Margaret Griffin, Michael Leadbeater, Cris Rampling, Shabana Raman
2. Agree minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021
3. Matters arising
  - a. Tools for Self Reliance – CL explained the current plight of the team as they have been given notice to vacate their current workshop at the Pilgrims Hospice. They urgently need new premises in or around Canterbury but will not be in a position to pay commercial rent. It was suggested that they contact Necessary Furniture at Hersden.
4. Delegated roles – no discussion
5. Progress on current projects:
  - a. Juba District Grant Project – VP is liaising with Salisbury Diocese to get confirmation from the Juba Diocese that payment has been received and passed on to the school. Final Report due to be submitted to District by the end of the month.
  - b. Dhaka Projects – JR outlined current projects being undertaken by RC Dhaka. (i) A major project is to provide new water supplies to coastal areas in Bangladesh. Project will provide water pumps and desalination equipment. Total cost estimated at \$108,000. (ii) project is to provide cataract surgery for poor communities. Cost is £70 per person. We could sponsor a number of operations.

It was agreed that (i) would likely be a global grant project and we may be able to participate as one of the partner international clubs. JR to monitor progress. Project (ii) would be easier to support in the short term, though the level of funding available will be relatively modest at present. It was also suggested that we explore the possibility of submitting this project for district grant. VP to check with district if further applications for grants will be invited this year.
6. Lend with Care
  - a. RV explained that our normal loans will be set at £30 per project. 9 loans were given in September, 8 of which are now fully funded. In total, the club has made 224 loans and there is £851 credit in our account. RV intends to make further loans this month.
7. International Disaster Response

- a. Proposal to donate to Shelterbox for Haiti Earthquake Relief – the committee agreed to confirm the recommendation made at the last meeting to donate one shelterbox to the Haiti Appeal. VP will arrange with the Treasurer.

#### 8. Joint Pentangular Projects

- a. Future of JPPs – Matter raised at Club Business Meeting and it was generally felt that JPPs should continue but with a lesser annual contribution from each club – suggested 1,000Eu. This view will be put forward at the Pentangular Presidents meeting in November.
- b. JPP4 project led by Saint Quentin has now received confirmation of a successful global grant application. The committee will wish to be kept updated on progress.

#### 9. Rotary Foundation and Polioplus

- a. Crocuses campaign – TL is compiling a list of members who have ordered crocus bags which are likely to be issued within the next 2 weeks.  
10 local schools will receive batches of 500-1000 corms.  
Arrangement are being made to light up St Dunstons Church on 24<sup>th</sup> October to mark Polio Eradication Day.
- b. Recipe Book – JR explained the proposal developed with Shabana to compile a recipe book based on the purple crocus theme. The book will be made available online but with a request for a donation to Polioplus.

#### 10. Budget – There was some confusion over funds allocated to the committee currently but, subject to sufficient funds being available it was agreed that:

- a. **A donation of £600 will be made to the Shelterbox Haiti Earthquake Appeal.**
- b. **A donation of £210 will be made at the time being towards the RC Dhaka project for eye surgery.**

#### 11. Ideas for donations

- a. Mr Syed Husain's Medical Camp in the Sindh Desert area of Pakistan. Richard Kemball-Cook has spoken to Mr Husain who is a consultant in Kent and is setting up a temporary medical camp with support from colleagues to offer treatment to local tribes. He is spending some weeks in Pakistan later this month and is seeking financial support. VP to contact Richard to establish whether further visits are planned for the future. If so, the committee considered that this could be a good project to support and that Mr Husain could be invited to make a presentation to the committee or the club.

#### 12. Any other business - none

#### 13. Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5.45PM tbc