

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Viv Pritchard (VP) (Chair), Tony Laughran (TL), Gill Dixon (GD), Julie Reza (JR), Rosemary Doyle (RD), Margaret Griffin (MG)

1. Apologies – Graham Bough, Michael Leadbeater, Robin Vickers, Caroline Lees
2. Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 agreed
3. Matters arising
  - a. Shelterbox – VP sent a cheque to Shelterbox and has received a thank you letter.
  - b. RC Dhaka – VP has notified the Treasurer of proposed donation of £210 from the committee towards the Eye Surgery project
  - c. Individual donation – the club has received a substantial donation from a member. £250 of the donation was to be allocated to Shelterbox and another £250 to an international charity. VP discussed options with the donor and it was agreed that £210 would be added to the committee contribution towards the RC Dhaka Eye Surgery project.
4. Progress on current projects:
  - a. Juba District Grant Project – VP completed the final report and submitted it to District. He received a response congratulating the club on its efforts in completing this project.
  - b. Dhaka Projects –
    - i. Contributions towards the Eye Surgery project are as follow: £210 from the committee, £210 from a donor, £280 raised by Julie – Total £700 which will pay for 10 eye operations.
    - ii. Covid lab – with contributions from members, a sum of £1,007 has been raised for equipment for the lab. This is in addition to the global grant project which received support from the club.
5. Lend with Care: Report from RV
  - a. A further three loans of £30 each has been made over the past month: to a young farmer in Cambodia, a food wholesaler in Rwanda, and a small farming cooperative in Georgia.
  - b. The balance in our account is now £812.
6. Joint Pentangular Projects and Pentangular
  - a. Nothing new to report but request to be made at the Presidents meeting later in the month for regular progress reports on pentangular projects. Would it be possible to have Powerpoint presentations which could be delivered to the club to help inform members of these excellent projects.
  - b. There was a discussion on showing photos of members on the pentangular website. This has been some resistance to this in the club in the past, unlike the other 4 clubs. JR is currently taking photos of members for the centenary booklet; we could establish whether members will be content for the photo to be uploaded on the pentangular website. VP to discuss with the President on whether or not to pursue this and how.

7. Rotary Foundation and Polioplus
  - a. Crocuses campaign – The lighting up of St Dunstons Church on 24<sup>th</sup> October to mark Polio Eradication Day, was successfully achieved.
  - b. TL informed the committee that currently the total raised for Polioplus this year is £2,100. The online Recipe Book is now available. Hopefully, this will attract further donations to Polioplus. The FREE purple-themed recipe e-book (digital book) can be downloaded from our website here: <https://www.rotarycanterbury.org.uk/rotary-club/erecipepolioplus.html>
8. Budget – The October accounts show £989 available for the committee. However, it is not clear whether all our recent commitments and income have been included.
9. Ideas for donations
  - a. Mr Syed Husain's Medical Camp in the Sindh Desert area of Pakistan. VP has asked Richard Kemball-Cook to invite Mr Husain to a future club meeting, on his return from Pakistan.
  - b. Support for Afghan Refugees – VP was approached by Maxine Blades regarding the idea of helping the children of refugees currently in Canterbury to integrate with local children at school. The teachers at Pilgrim's Way School are fundraising and exploring possible ideas. VP agreed that, in principle, the committee would support a joint contribution from each of the three main committees to help fund Pilgrim's Way's initiatives.
  - c. Mary's Meals – VP receives regular newsletters from this charity, which has received Rotary support in the past. They have now launched their "Double the Love Appeal" where, thanks to a generous benefactor, donations between now and 31<sup>st</sup> January will be matched. **It was agreed to make a donation of £250 to Mary's Meals.**
10. Any other business
  - a. Tools for Self Reliance – Caroline is continuing to liaise with TFSR. To date, there is no information on potential new premises.
11. Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 5.45PM tbc