

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 ON ZOOM

Present: Viv Pritchard (VP) (Chair), Julie Reza (JR), Rosemary Doyle (RD), Graham Bough(GB), Robin Vickers(RV), Gill Dixon (GD)

1. Apologies – Margaret Griffin (MG), Michael Leadbeater, Tony Laughran, Keji Moses
2. Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 agreed
3. Matters arising
  - a. Tonga Disaster – Relief effort at present being coordinated locally with help mainly from New Zealand. Rotary NZ appears to be involved. VP to monitor Rotary briefings to find out if more financial aid required.
  - b. Application for District Grant – Club Council has suggested that application for 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of 2021/22 grants by submitted by this committee. VP, assisted by JR has drafted an application for eye camp in Bangladesh, which will be submitted before the end of February. The committee supported the action to submit this application.
4. Progress on current projects:
  - a. Juba School – MG has passed on information that the school continues to thrive and is attracting students from the country's elite families. It is to be hoped that it will still reach out to poorer families; this will be critical for any future Rotary support.
  - b. Dhaka Projects – JR has received confirmation that further Eye Surgery camps are proposed during the coming year. District grant application will propose up to 25 new operations. Proposal from RC Dhaka Mavericks to construct an Octagreen House has been circulated to members. It is part of a larger multinational project. Any queries to be passed on to JR to clarify with her contact in Dhaka.
5. Budget – Not clear how much is available for donations, but believed to be about £1000.
6. Ideas for donations
  - a. Treatment of Cleft Palate – there was a discussion on the life changing benefits of this treatment for children in the developing world. JR has spoken to Shabana regarding project in Mauritius. Although Rotary project is complete, there may still be opportunities to support this work. We will await further details.
  - b. Aquabox – there is an appeal to help relief from the recent typhoon in the Philippines.
  - c. Child.org – the committee were briefed by a member of the local Soroptimists just prior to the lockdown. There are various projects ongoing to support pregnant women and new mothers in an area where child mortality is very high. Details of Baby Boxes were circulated. **It was agreed that we would donate £425 to provide 10 Boxes and train one postnatal nurse.**
7. Tools for Self Reliance – GB has been in touch with John Burton who is leading the local charity. They have been told to vacate their premises at the Hospice shortly. The Prince of Wales YC has offered to make available space for storage of tools and equipment but, to date, it has not been

possible to secure workshop space. JR has contacted Necessary Furniture at Hersden and this option is being explored.

8. Lend with Care: Report from RV
  - a. A further two loans of £30 each has been made over the past month, to a tailoring business in Pakistan and a farmer in Rwanda. A total of 234 loans, to a value of £6,706 have now been given. The account is currently £791 in credit.
  - b. Members can access the Lend with Care website for up to date details of the club account. Need to login as [vickers@roseberry.plus.com](mailto:vickers@roseberry.plus.com) and use password Rot19int01ary.
9. Joint Pentangular Projects and Pentangular
  - a. Nothing new to report. VP to speak to the President to encourage Pentangular partners to provide updates on joint projects JPP4 and JPP5.
10. Rotary Foundation and Polioplus
  - a. JR said that World Rotary Day will be celebrated this year on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. She will mark the day with postings on social media and will use the occasion to publicise the online Recipe Book. 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>
11. Any other business - None
12. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.00PM ahead of evening club meeting