

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2022

Present: Viv Pritchard (VP) (Chair), Rosemary Doyle (RD), Michael Leadbeater, Gill Dixon (GD)

1. Apologies – Tony Laughran, Julie Reza (JR), Graham Bough(GB), Robin Vickers(RV)
2. Minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2022 agreed
3. Matters arising
 - a. Child.org – cheque for donation sent and letter of thanks received.
 - b. District Grant – application for 2nd tranche of 2021/22 grants submitted for eye camp in Bangladesh. Post meeting note – confirmation received that the application was successful.
4. Progress on current projects:
 - a. Ukraine – street collection raised about £3,500 and further donations means that a donation of just over £7,000 will be sent to the DEC on behalf of the Rotary Clubs in Canterbury. Fundraising will continue and discussions are underway on how best the clubs can work together to help the refugees. Julie and Martin Ward have set up an online appeal and this will remain open for the time being.
 - b. Dhaka Projects –
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Proposal from RC Dhaka Mavericks to construct an Octagreen House has been deferred for a short while. We will await further information
 - iii. Desalination Project – RC Dhaka are developing a project for global grant submission circulated to members. There are no details yet. Desalination is generally understood to be a very costly process and members were keen to find out how this could be made to work with the funding likely to be available. There is some interest in joining in as a partner club but the level of funding contribution would likely be modest.
5. Budget – £661.34 available for donations. In addition, there is £440 proceeds from the weekly raffle available for Shelterbox, WaterAid or Aquabox.
6. Ideas for donations
 - a. Treatment of Cleft Palate – No further details.
 - b. Aquabox – there is an appeal to help relief from the recent typhoon in the Philippines.
 - c. Shelterbox Appeal for Yemen – the committee has for some years sought to help victims of the war, but the usual relief agencies have not been able to access the country. However, Shelterbox are now active in Yemen and have launched an appeal. **It was agreed that we would donate £590 to provide 1 shelterbox for the Yemen appeal.**
 - d. New Life Nyambene – this is a small charity based locally which provides care and education for abandoned street children in Kenya. The committee made a small donation about 3 years ago. **It was agreed that a donation of £300 will be made to New Life Nyambene.**

7. Tools for Self Reliance – GB has been in touch with John Burton who is leading the local charity. Sadly, the local group have been unable to find new suitable premises to operate, despite approaches to many organisations. A Special General Meeting has been arranged for 24th March to wind up the local group.
8. Lend with Care: Report from RV
 - a. No further loans have been made over the past month. A total of 234 loans, to a value of £6,706 have now been given. The account is currently £854 in credit, following some recent repayments.
 - 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 and use password Rot19int01ary.
9. Joint Pentangular Projects and Pentangular
 - a. Nothing new to report.
10. Rotary Foundation and Polioplus
 - a. 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 12th April 2022 at 6.00PM to be confirmed