

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at the Cricket Ground.

1. Apologies: Tony Loughran, Rosemary Doyle, Nan Miller, Philip Abbott & Andrew Barchi
2. Almoner/Health Report – David Lewis noted that he had spoken with Rosemarie Morton and Mark Rosen who are progressing well. He has also spoken to Leonard Rae who is quite poorly.
3. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 5th December 2025 – approved.
4. Presidents' Matters
 - a. Cooperation with Canterbury Cubs.
 - i. Possible Inter-Club Bridge Tournament - TBA
 - ii. Santa's Sleigh volunteers – Maxine advised the Club that the Sleigh had had another successful year with £4,000 being raised and a large amount of food being donated. 20 shifts were covered by club members which will result in £500 coming to the club.
 - b. The Point – Update – Stephen Thompson reported that he was seeking a meeting with new Canterbury City Councillors to try and move on the licences for the building of the Water Bootle Filing Point.
 - c. Other points from Club Council meeting on 27th November
 - i. Xmas Dinner – held 16th December with 70 members attending and enjoyed by all. Maxine is planning for 2024's dinner and asked for suggestions which included The Pavilion at the Cricket Ground and Dawin College. Maxine to explore suggestions.
 - ii. Maxine noted that the Xmas Carols recorded at Xmas Dinner were shared with Pentangular Clubs on 20th December via Zoom.
 - iii. Fundraising - 2024 Duck Race Planning meeting in January – volunteers needed to head up main elements, meeting date to be circulated.
 - iv. District Fundraising Event in February has been cancelled.
 - d. Treasurers' report – Jim
 - i. Club accounts for December to be presented to Club Council in January and will be reported at February Business meeting.
 - e. Archive review and storage
 - i. Date to be confirmed shortly.
 - f. Updated Club programme on EMS:
 - i. 16th January, 7pm or 7.30 Cricket Ground. Talk by Charlotte Cournell looking at the life and times of Aphra Benn – Guests welcome (please book in guests on EMS)
 - ii. 23rd January, lunchtime talk at Cricket Ground by Irina Marta on Financial Resilience in Retirement 1pm – Guests welcome (please book in guests on EMS).
 - iii. 30th January, informal pub evening at the Victoria, 18.30 for Andrew Clague's 'Job Talk'
5. Committee Updates and reviews of 2023 and looking forward to 2024.

- a. Community & Vocational – Sideny, Mary and Brian gave updates on the projects being worked on. Brian noted the success of the F1 project but noted that this is not going to be held in 2024, but hopefully in 2025. Brian also reported on the problems surrounding the Rotary Young Chef Competition but that the first round held at Archbishops had been successful. The next round will need organising shortly. Brian also expressed concern as to the future organisation of club outings such as those which have been run by members of the vocational group as it's not clear who will run these in the future.
- b. International SC- Raj reported on the projects which had been supported including the LION Project, ShelterBox and Aqua Aid. Possible projects with Rotary Clubs in Bangladesh and Mauritius are being reviewed.

6. AOB

- a. A Proposal to fund Canterbury Choral Scholarships for £500 was presented to the meeting under section 1B of the MSTF rules. Proposed by Graham Bough and Seconded by Lewis Norris was unanimously approved by those present.
- b. However, the funding of this proposal, and the use of MSTF monies, was the source of significant discussion amongst members present and it was agreed to ask Club Council to undertake a review of the operation of the MSTR to ensure that it meets the aspirations of the founders whilst being available to fund individual or groups of young people. Following this review, it was agreed that a set of proposals would be brought to a Business Meeting for discussion by the membership.

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