

**Rotary Club of Canterbury**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Hatch Farm, Bossingham**  
**Road, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AQ.**

1. **President Maxine welcomed** Club Council to her home for the final meeting of the Council during her Presidential year.
2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from Neil Fraser and Andrew Clague for late arrival.
3. **2025 Duck Race:**
  - a. Maxine circulated an email from Roger Hickman received that day with comprehensive plans for promoting the proposed Corporate Duck Race which the Club had approved. There was considerable work involved and doubts were expressed as to how much could be covered in time for the Race. However it was agreed that Roger should proceed with the purchase of new, larger ducks which would be clearly identified as Corporate Ducks by their size and Rosemary Doyle offered to assist with drafting and editing of proposed race day booklet. Roger had also prepared a promotional video which would require some further editing as to fact and aspirations.
4. **Minutes of meeting** held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May had been circulated in advance and were agreed.
  - a. Matters arising:
    - i. Duck Race proposals agreed at June's Business Meeting:
      - I. Raise sponsorship in main race to £2 per duck.
      - II. Look to run a separate Corporate Duck Race prior to main race. See para 3a above.
      - III. Riverfest Fayre – 28<sup>th</sup> September at Canterbury Riverside. Raj had attended a positive meeting that day.
    - ii. Safari Supper had taken place on 14<sup>th</sup> June and had been a great success.
    - iii. Community Services Group spending deadline. Richard reported that the Group had spent all allocated funds and thank you letters from recipient organisations were coming in.
5. **Secretary's Business:**
  - a. RGB&I database showing 48 members & 1 honorary member as of 11/05/2025. Lewis Norris had advised that he would not be renewing his membership for personal reasons. After discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Club that Lewis be offered Honorary Membership on a year by year basis. No other resignations had been received but Tony will speak with Peer le Fleming to ask if he is continuing.
  - b. Compliance Statement has been completed and sent to District and the Annual Certificate of Insurance for the Club is awaited. District subscriptions are due on 10<sup>th</sup> July.
6. **President's Business:**
  - a. The Point update was held over pending Andrew's report.
  - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs:
    - i. Bat and Trap 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Ye Olde Beverlie. Other local Rotary Clubs are expected to participate together with the MGSE members. The pub is asking for an early indication of numbers but Raj will offer a securing deposit from the Club to re-assure them.

7. **Dining Arrangements:** Review of the Proposal from Abbots Barton Hotel. Raj reported that he and Graham Bough had met with management at the Abbots Barton Hotel and after amendment had signed an agreement with them for catering provision from 1<sup>st</sup> July with review after 6 months. Meals will be provided at a cost of £21 per capita but the Club will continue to charge members at the rate of £25 as agreed previously. It had been impossible to meet the Hotel's demands for payment basis and Graham had provided a personal advance payment on behalf of the Club. Graham is drafting details of the arrangements for Club members. The Club Business Meetings will continue to be held at The Kent and Canterbury Club for the time being.

8. **Pentangular:**

- i. Weekend 6-8<sup>th</sup> June in Leuven with 21 participants from Canterbury had been very enjoyable. Sadly Rosemary Doyle had been unwell and was not able to attend but her place was taken by Mary McGeary.
- ii. Pentangular Presidents Meeting had been good. However it was now proposed that Lieden would host the 2027 Pentangular weekend in place of Canterbury since it is their Centenary year with canterbury hosting in 2028. It was anticipated that the rota would then continue on a 5 year basis. Plans for JPP6 providing PTSD support for those from Ukraine is continuing well but Clubs have ben asked to widen the network of support if possible. Raj will mention this at the next Business Meeting and Maxine will invite other Clubs in the cluster to support.

9. **Feedback from District Council:**

- i. DC on 28<sup>th</sup> May had been attended by Maxine and Raj and was uneventful. District handover will be at a tea at The Great Danes hotel at a cost of £28 per capita.
- ii. Eastbourne Conference 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October. Maxine is going for the Saturday and happy to offer a lift to anyone else wishing to go.

10. **Mini Group Study Exchange 2025:**

- a. MGSE 2025 in Canterbury Maxine reported that:
  - i. Accommodation may still be needed when details of all the participants is received.
  - ii. Canterbury delegates: 2 have been selected from 6 excellent applicants.
- b. Funding/budget for hosting MGSE: Martin had made an excellent presentation to the other Pentangular Clubs with details of the itinerary. Tony will write to the other Clubs reminding them of the cost of £250 per capita and with bank details for payment.

11. **Treasurer's Report:** Tony reported that everything is OK financially. He is making payments of £532 to PolioPlus and £383 to Shelterbox from collected funds. There is a small shortfall from transaction costs to be recovered from Pentangular participants and members have been asked for year end debit balances on the Dining account to be paid.

12. **Group's Updates:**

- a. Community Services & Vocational: Richard reported on the ongoing support for Thanington and Hersden community centres and hoped that Raj will be able to offer a speaker slot for someone from MIND as has been requested by Lord Mayor (and Club member) Keji Moses.
- b. International: Raj reported that the Rotary Club of Kandy have started on the water project that we have supported but no further feedback has been received yet. Raj is continuing to

collect redundant spectacles to make a batch to send out and is writing to other opticians in Canterbury.

**13. Recruitment** – Maxine/Robert Yonge:

- a. Resignations/leavers before 1<sup>st</sup> July deadline
  - i. Lewis Norris: see item 5a above.
- b. Prospective New Members none known at present.

**14. Corporate membership Pilot** held over pending update from Andrew.

**15. Club Programme Update – V23**

- a. 16<sup>th</sup> June Club Council & Dinner, Hatch Farm
- b. 17<sup>th</sup> June – Lunchtime Handover Meeting – Howfield Manor Hotel

July	1.7.25	Lunchtime business meeting	K & C Club	
	8.7.25	Evening meeting – Wildwood Trust	Abbots Barton	Paul Whitfield
	15.7.25	Lunchtime meeting	Canterbury	Hallie MGSE talk
	22.7.25	No meeting		
	29.7.25	Business meeting	K & C Club	

**16. AOB:** Thanks were expressed to Maxine and Kevin for their hospitality.

RWV 16.06.25