

## **Rotary Club of Canterbury**

### **Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

1. Welcome back to President Elect Raj Dasan.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Rosemary Doyle and Richard Kemball-Cook.
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 having been circulated previously were agreed.
  - a. Matters arising (not listed below):
    - i. Duck Race Date for 2025 – CCC Riverfest is being held in National Rivers Week so possible dates for the Duck Race would be 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> September and it was agreed that 21<sup>st</sup> September is preferable, noting that the Prince of Wales Youth Club sponsored walk will have taken place on 14<sup>th</sup> September.
    - ii. Honours Board in hand.
4. Secretary's Business –
  - a. RGB&I database showing 47members & 1 honorary member as of 11/02/2025 with 2 more new members to be inducted. It was noted that Anne Walker Perry should be removed from the Members list.
  - b. Kent & Canterbury Club: President Maxine confirmed 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday's Business Meeting lunches have been confirmed through to the June Business Meeting.
  - c. Howfield Manor arrangements: Meetings have been booked through to the end of June subject to a 2 month renewal.
5. President's Business:
  - a. The Point update: Andrew Clague reported on a delay in the stone mason's work caused by the need to amend the text and layout of some of the inscription. It is hoped that he will be able to catch up on the programme but this is under constant monitoring vis a vis the unveiling date.
  - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs:
    - i. Bat and Trap proposal for 2025: Raj Dasan hoped to be able to agree a date for this during the MGSE event in August.
    - ii. Santa Sleigh – December 2024: Funds have not yet been received from the Sunrise Club who are waiting for receipts from Gift Aid.
  - c. Pentangular:
    - i. Weekend 6-8<sup>th</sup> June information from Leuven sent to members asking for booking to be confirmed by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Some Members responses have been received.
    - ii. Concerns over Leuven proposals for Kenyan Project: President Maxine reported on a proposal from Leuven to bring forward a JPP proposal to fund musical education and instruments in Nairobi, Kenya and displacing the Ludenschied JPP proposal to JPP7. At the Pentangular Presidents meeting in November it had been agreed that future JPP projects would be planned to be within the Western Europe arena. The Leuven proposal is clearly outside that area and whilst supposedly supported by their Rotary District would be unlikely to gain Foundation support. Maxine had made it clear that Canterbury would be unable to support a project in Africa. The Ludenschied JPP for training pyschotherapists in Poland to help with PTSD in Ukraine already had Pentangular support as the next Pentangular Project and should not be displaced. A Teams meeting of Pentangular Presidents had been scheduled in haste for 1800hrs on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Events and Fundraising update – 2024/5
    - i. Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March: Irish evening at Prince of Wales Youth Club flyer sent out.
    - ii. Possible June Fundraiser at Mystole has been dropped and replaced with a Safari Supper.

6. Mini Group Study Exchange 2024:

- a. MGSE 2025 in Canterbury: There had been a meeting of the working group for the MGSE and a further meeting is planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> March. The initial proposed plan for the visitors had been modified and will be edited further.
- b. Funding/budget for hosting MGSE: The Treasurer had been able to find £1,000 towards the visit and participants will pay 250 Euros each. Once the outline plan has been adjusted the budgetary needs will be clearer.

7. Treasurer's Report: - Tony

- a. Finance report: Tony Loughran reported all is well with the Club's finances but re-iterated his concern that both the Community Service and International Groups spend the funds allocated to them. Vocational have already done that. Tony highlighted the current funds available (together with anticipated accruals) for the 2027 Pentangular which will be hosted in Canterbury when Andrew Clague is expected to be President.
- b. Charity Commission Annual Return has been made.

8. Group's Updates

- a. Community Service Group: Richard Kemball-Cook reported that there had not been Christmas party at the Rising Sun and it is proposed to carry forward the £500 budgeted for that and add a further £500 towards the costs of a counselling service at the Rising Sun. A possible future barge trip will be funded by another funder. The new member Aruna Jag-Brown is already a volunteer at the Centre which will augment Irina's involvement. The Thanington Resource Centre lack enthusiasm for a group session at a local climbing wall. New member Bettie Morton has visited the Centre and is happy to mentor the present CEO through forthcoming changes. The centre are also interested in a sailing barge trip which the Club will fund.
- b. Vocational Service Group: Maxine highlighted the initial Childrens Literary Festival in July and the proposed contribution of £500 towards costs from the Club.
- c. International Service Group: Raj Dasan advised that he will be calling a meeting of the Group shortly.

9. Recruitment – Maxine/Robert Yonge

- a. Resignations/leavers – none.
- b. Prospective New Members
  - i. 7 Day notice for Aruna Jago Brown has been circulated and her induction into the Club is proposed for the 4<sup>th</sup> March Business Meeting.
  - ii. Buddies needed for above.

10. Corporate membership Pilot request: Andrew Clague reported on a District Zoom meeting attended by 47 Rotarians for a presentation on Corporate Membership. The proposal is that 1 person in a business group is nominated as a Club member paying subs but 1 of 3 other members of their business may attend as substitutes. Membership in this way might appeal to Company Corporate Social Responsibility. It was agreed that President Maxine would discuss the initiative with Robert Yonge as Membership group leader with the intention of implementing a pilot scheme possibly using an existing Club member.

11. Club Programme Update – V18.

- i. 25<sup>th</sup> February – Anniversary Dinner.
- ii. 1<sup>st</sup> March Business Meeting.
- iii. 11<sup>th</sup> March – Lunchtime talk Dr Andrew Richardson on Saxon's in Kent.
- iv. 18<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day Supper.

12. AOB.

- a. Mentoring/Buddy for new members held over for future discussion.
- b. Peter Hermitage's paper on Terrorism (protection of Premises) Draft Bill held over for future discussion.

