

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 20th January 2025

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Raj Dasan and Neil Fraser.
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 18th November were approved.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
 1. Duck Race Date for 2025: Still waiting for CCC Riverfest date to be announced. Meanwhile Tim Brett has advised that The Prince of Wales Youth Club will be holding a major fund raising walk on 14th September.
 2. Corporate Membership: Andrew Clague will be attending a District Zoom meeting on Corporate Membership.
 3. The Honours Board is with Mike Bridgeford at present and Tony Loughran will arrange it's collection for use at Howfield Manor meeting on 25th February.
4. Secretary's Business –
 - a. RGB & I database showing 44 members & 1 honorary member as of 09/1/2025
 1. Nan's daughter is now assisting her with subscription and attendance/dining account.
 - b. Kent & Canterbury Club
 1. Xmas lunch – very good although there is difficulty over pricing and account.
 2. January lunch was good.
 3. President Maxine confirmed 1st Tuesday lunches through to June are now booked at The Kent and Canterbury Club.
 - c. Howfield Manor arrangements: The plated meal for the meeting on 14th January was good but arrangements will continue to be reviewed remembering that we have to give 2 months notice of termination.
5. President's Business
 - a. The Point update: Andrew Clague reported that the stone mason has been ill and his work schedule is running late but he hoped to catch up. Rosemary Doyle is happy to accompany Andrew to review the text typeface to be used. Tony Loughran is in contact with the Council regarding the proposed unveiling on the 29th April.
 - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
 1. Bat and Trap proposal for 2025 unable to be agreed yet as the pub has not yet started their calendar for the year.
 2. Santa's Sleigh organised by The Sunrise Club in December 2024 had been excellent and supported by a number of Club members raising in excess of £6,000.
 - c. Pentangular 2024
 1. The Pentangular Presidents' meeting took place on the 30th November. The Rotary Club of Leuven will be attending our Club meeting on the 21st January to outline the programme for the weekend they are planning in June.
 2. Pentangular Development Group: Rosemary Doyle advised that this working group are bringing together their thoughts for the future basis of Pentangular.
 3. The Pentangular Christmas Carols event had been held at Rosemary Doyle's house with involvement by Zoom of four of the Pentangular Clubs.

- d. Events and Fundraising update – 2024/5
 - 1. Club Christmas Dinner on 10th December had been a good evening and Raj is looking to book The Cricket Ground as the venue for this December.
 - 2. Tuesday, 18th March Irish evening at Prince of Wales Youth Club being organised by Peter Hermitage.
 - 3. President Maxine is considering a possible June Fundraiser at Mystole (the East Kent Guides County campsite).

6. Mini Group Study Exchange 2025:

- a. MGSE 2025 in Canterbury working group is meeting again shortly.
- b. Funding/budget for hosting MGSE. In order to keep Club subscriptions down there has not been any provision made in recent years to cover the cost of the Club hosting the MGSE. Therefore there is no club fund available to support the Exchange visit this year. The Millenium Scholarship Fund Trustees are prepared to support the two Canterbury candidates and the visitors will each be supported by their sending Clubs to a similar amount. It is believed that savings can be made within the Club's budget and that the Gift Aid recovery element of the Club's apportionment from the Santa's Sleigh fund could be used enabling an aggregate of £3,500 from all sources to be available. It was noted that the Budget for the Club for the forthcoming year will need to contain an amount towards the future funding of the MGSE.

7. Treasurer's Report - Tony

- a. Finance report: Up to date Financial reports had been circulated in advance of the meeting and Tony Loughran reported that all is satisfactory. There had been some under payments on the Members Dining Account and these have now been rectified. The subscriptions for new members will be apportioned pro rata.
- b. Charity Commission Annual Return has been made by Graham Bough.

8. Group's Updates

- a. Community Service Group: Richard reported that he hopes to be able to take 8 young people from the Thanington Resource Centre to the climbing wall.
- b. Vocational Service Group: Members of the group will be meeting shortly to judge the Primary School writing competition.
- c. International Service Group: There has not been a recent meeting of the International Committee.

9. Recruitment: Maxine/Robert Yonge

- a. Resignations/leavers – none.
- b. Prospective New Members:
 - 1. 7 Day notices for Clare Hewitt, Bettie Morton and Aragon St Charles will be sent out. Robert Yonge, Rosemary Doyle and Robin Vickers are holding information meetings with a further two prospective members on the 23rd January and there is one more possible member who has expressed interest.
 - 2. The Club needs to be reminded of Members responsibility towards new members when they have introduced new members. Where new members have approached the Club directly existing members will be asked to take responsibility for them. The previous arrangements for new members being introduced to the Club Committees needs to be reviewed in the light of the number of new members joining at present.

10. Club Programme Update – V18.

1. 21st January – RC Leuven & Tim Brett talk 11.45 for 12 noon start Howfield Manor.
2. 4th February – Business Meeting 1pm Kent & Canterbury Club.
3. 11th February – Andrew Clague talk on Sailing the Atlantic 7pm for 7.30pm Howfield Manor.
4. 25th February – Club Anniversary Dinner. Black tie or lounge suit event with reminiscences of past Club activities by members. Richard Kemball-Cook is happy to talk on Polio Plus but others are sought.
5. 29th April – Advanced warning that the Club meeting that day will be for the unveiling of The Point.

AOB. President Maxine advised that the Club has been asked to contribute towards the cost of the Inner Wheel Centenary cake and a contribution of £75 was agreed.

President Maxine advised that the Millenium Scholarship Fund Trustees had agreed a grant of £500 to a Scout for an International Jamboree in Spain subject to the applicant raising the balance of the funds needed and reporting back to the Club in due course.

Date of next meeting – 17th February at Tony Loughran's house.

Thanks were expressed to Rosemary Doyle for her hospitality.

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