

Rotary Club of Canterbury (RCC) - International Service Committee (ISC)

Minutes of the meeting of ISC held on Tuesday, 6 May 2025

The meeting was held at 11:15 am at the Oriole Café, Kent County Cricket Ground

- 1. Present:** Raj Dasan (RD) (Chair), Robin Vickers (RV), Julie Reza (JR), Lewis Norris (LN), Jan Bobba (JB), Clare Hewitt (CH) and Graham Bough (GB).

Apologies received: Aruna Jago-Brown (AJB)

No apologies were received from any other committee members.

Other Committee Members are thought to be: Gill Dixon (GD), Nan Miller (NM), Farrukh Hussain (FH), Mark Rosen (MR).

Item	Matters discussed	Action by	Due date
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2025: These were approved and adopted.</p> <p>Matters arising not covered in other agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No matters arising that were not discussed during the meeting as noted below: 		
3	<p>ISC Funding</p> <p>Funding available to the committee at 6 May 2025 Payments to ShelterBox, Aqua Box and RC Dhaka for the Cancer Prevention and Screening Project have been made.</p> <p>The funds available to ISC at the date of the meeting are: from the RCC Trust Fund - £1,220.00. from the RCC Events account - £547.66.</p>		
4	Progress on current initiatives + recent contacts		
4.1	<p>Rotary Club of Dhaka</p> <p>The Cancer Prevention and Screening Project A further update has been received from RC Dhaka including pictures of the locations at which the project is being delivered. It was noted that the RCC financial support for the project is being advertised at these locations. It was agreed that a further grant of £425.00 be made to this project.</p> <p>Prosthetics Project for underprivileged peoples JR provided an outline of the project, working with the 'Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed' (CRP), a well-established and respected organisation in Bangladesh to provide prosthetics and rehabilitation treatments for poor and needy individuals. CRP advise RC Dhaka of needy patients and they undertake the work at discounted rates met by Rotary funding. It was agreed that a grant of £425.00 be made to this project.</p> <p>In order to keep bank charges to a minimum, it was agreed that one payment of £850.00 be made in US dollars to the RC Dhaka Cancer Prevention and Screening Project bank account previously used.</p> <p>JR agreed to communicate with RC Dhaka and to advise them of the allocation of the monies to be transferred.</p>	<p>TL</p> <p>JR</p>	ASAP

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<p>4.2</p>	<p>RC Kandy, Sri Lanka Collecting spectacles RD is currently collecting spectacles that people no longer use. He is planning to send these out to Sri Lanka in support of an eye care project being delivered by RC Kandy. Pauline Pybus of Inner Wheel has agreed to provide some useful items to add to those already collected. It was suggested that RD publicise this activity to other local Rotary Clubs who may well be able to assist with items.</p> <p>Mobility Devices and Equipment Project During his recent trip to Sri Lanka, RD visited this project which provides artificial limbs and mobility devices for people who would not otherwise be able to acquire these. He was impressed by the delivery of the project and equipment. It was agreed that a grant of £425.00 be made to this project.</p> <p>Clean Water for poor children at their schools RC Kandy is also delivering a project to supply clean water at schools where underprivileged children attend. It was agreed that a grant of £425.00 be made to this project.</p> <p>RD has contacted RC Kandy and confirmed that it would be best to transfer the funds as Pounds Sterling to the Hatton National Bank Plc in Kandy using the account details already provided.</p> <p>In order to keep bank charges to a minimum, it was agreed that one payment of £850.00 is to be made in Pounds Sterling to the RC Kandy, Hatton National Bank Plc bank account.</p> <p>RD agreed to communicate with RC Kandy and to advise them that one half of the proceeds received in their bank account is to be used for each project.</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>TL</p> <p>RD</p>	<p>Pre 30/6</p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p>Fund Balance and Bank charges It is anticipated that the funding available to ISC at the date of this meeting will have been used as follows:</p> <p>RCC Trust Fund - £1,220.00 RCC Events account - £547.66 Total available - £1,767.66</p> <p>Allocated as to: RC Dhaka - £850.00 RC Kandy - £850.00 Bank charges - £60.00 Total allocated - £1760.00</p> <p>Balance remaining - £7.66</p>	<p>TL</p>	

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4.3	<p>Lend With Care (LWC)</p> <p>RV reported that, in all years to date, the RCC has donated £3,050.00 to LWC to facilitate micro-finance loans to beneficiaries.</p> <p>A further 5 new loans have recently been made recently as to:</p> <p>Farming projects in Vietnam, Thailand, Ecuador and the Philippines and Fish Farming in the Philippines</p> <p>Out of the total funds donated, £10,576.81 has been lent in 325 loans. These small loans have been made to 1,272 entrepreneurs, 4,071 family members have been helped, 888 jobs created and overall, 6,231 people have been helped.</p> <p>Funds totalling £628.90 currently remain available to lend.</p> <p>RV will continue to monitor the funding requests posted on the LWC website with a focus on food production and related equipment, predominantly in the countries of Ecuador, Vietnam, Pakistan, Rwanda, Zambia and the Philippines.</p> <p>It was agreed that, in order to provide to Rotarians with information about the LWC activity, RD is arranging a Presentation on LWC to be made to RCC by a member of LWC staff.</p>	RV	
5	Any other business		
5.1	<p>Future Fund-Raising Events Previously Proposed</p> <p>1. A Quiz night with a Fish and Chip supper</p> <p>RD and JR have previously suggested that a Black and White Photo Quiz night be held at Lower Hardres Village Hall with a fish and chip supper being provide by a mobile fish and chip shop. RD will seek to include this event in his Presidential Year.</p> <p>Once a date has been agreed, the ISC will work on the full details of the event and which members of ISC will be available to assist with the logistics.</p> <p>RD agreed to contact the Village Hall to identify availability and costs and to contact the operator of the mobile fish and chip shop to identify his/her availability, menu and pricing.</p> <p>2. An event based around Sri Lanka</p> <p>RD suggested that a fund-raising event based around Sri Lankan food and culture be arranged to promote support for the projects mentioned at point 4.2 above.</p> <p>RD proposes that this event will also be scheduled during his Presidential Year.</p> <p>There may be Sri Lankan students attending UKC or Christ Church University and RD will investigate how to communicate with them.</p> <p>RD undertook to find out about the costs incurred for use of premises and catering facilities and to report back to the committee.</p>	RD	
5.2	No further business was brought to the meeting.		

6. Date of the next meeting

As the majority of funds made available to ISC have now been allocated, members of ISC agreed to the next meeting of ISC being held in August 2025 after notice of available funding has been received and at a date to be agreed.

Should a matter arise that needs consideration before that meeting, the committee agreed that the subject can be discussed by email.