

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Community Service Committee

8 March 2016

Attendance: PP David Barton (Chairman), PP Sidney Denham, , PP Harry Cragg, Rotarians Marjorie Lyle, Colin McKone, Andrew Barchi, Charles Evans, David Lewis, Rosemarie Morton

Apologies: PP Robin Vickers, Mark Rosen, Gill Dixon

1. The Minutes of meeting held on 9 February 2016 were agreed and there were no matters arising.

2. **Charitable Funds Available:** Approximately £2800.

3. **Cherished Memories.** The Chairman reported that our cheque for £200, together with a separate cheque from Lord Carey for £50, had been sent to the charity.

ACTION: *Complete*

4. **St Nicholas School Kids Day Out.** GD had confirmed that the event would take place as planned on 15 March and that Rotarians RV, CE and SD would be helping her.

ACTION: *Organisation delegated to Gill Dixon.*

5. **New Wheelchair for a 16 year old boy.** A letter from his orthopaedic consultant supporting the need for the boy to have a new, lighter, self-propelled chair had been received but did not contain information regarding the cost. The Chairman undertook to get this information for consideration at the April meeting.

ACTION: *The Chairman will make further enquiries.*

6. **Committee Policy on the Use of Funds for Individuals.** Several options were considered and after some discussion it was decided that the present practice of considering each case on its own merits should be continued. The Chairman reminded the Committee that it had delegated authority to make grants of up to £1000 without reference to Club Council.

7. **Alstrom Society UK.** Further information from the Society was still awaited.

ACTION: *The Chairman will make further enquiries*

8. **Young Enterprise Grant Request - Catching Fish in Norway (CAFIN)**
The Committee consider a request from this laudable business venture and whilst having admiration for its aims, decided that it did not meet the criteria for support from the Committee's funds.

ACTION: *The Chairman will inform the applicant*

9. East Kent Independent Dementia Support (EKIDS). A further grant of £250 to support EKIDS monthly memory coffee mornings was agreed.

ACTION: *The Chairman will arrange a donation direct to the Kent & Canterbury Club*

10. Circle Housing. The Committee was reminded about the presentation on this charity given by Alison Welsh and Janice Budd of Circle Housing prior to the Committee's January meeting, when they indicated that they were looking for support to introduce a cycling activity for their residents - the total sum for 3 sets of equipment including bicycles would be in the region of £450. RV agreed to investigate the charity's finances and after much research has concluded that the request is deserving of our support. It was agreed to fund the purchase of the equipment subject to confirmation that the bicycles would be available for general future use by residents and not tied to 3 specific individuals.

ACTION: *The Chairman will make the donation to Circle Housing.*

11. Catching Lives. The charity had requested a meeting to discuss its nursing arrangements and this would take place in the near future attended by the Chairman, GD, WJ & DL. It was noted that Canterbury Sunrise Club would be holding another "sleep-in" this year in aid of the Canterbury homeless and the possibility of our club holding a major event for the homeless was discussed but it was felt that this would be a matter for Club Council to consider.

ACTION: *The Chairman will arrange the meeting to review their nursing arrangements and will take the possibility of a major fund raising event to Club Council.*

12. Kent Association for the Blind (KAB) ML tabled a request for assistance from the Canterbury branch of KAB to help with the purchase of various aids for their clients and after some discussion it was agreed to purchase 2 sets of coloured over-glasses for a cost of £580. These sets would be obtained by KAB and formally presented to the Canterbury branch by the Committee Chairman or his representative.

ACTION: *Further investigation by Marjorie Lyle revealed that our donation could not be restricted to the Canterbury area. The matter will be reconsidered at the April Meeting.*

16. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 April 2016