

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Vocational Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13th June 2017

Present. Brian Dobinson, Nan Miller, Les Stephenson, Mike Talbot, John Beckett, Alan Mepstead.

Apologies. Tim Brett, Ian Wright.

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th April were approved. There was one matter arising
 - We are still holding £75 donated by Mr Farrukh Hussain in respect of the Pilgrims Way reading project which will not now go ahead. NM has spoken to Julie Reza who will talk to him.
2. **Innovation Competition.** BD has worked through the Agenda for the Judging final which will be held at the Old Sessions House, Christ Church Canterbury on Wednesday 28th June. 10 Students have been asked to make oral presentations from which the winner will be chosen. Light refreshments, Photographer and Car Parking are all arranged. There will hopefully be an article in the Kentish Gazette which Mike Talbot agreed to follow up. The Lord Mayor and Bill Brett will present the prizes. Thanks are due to BD for all his work and organisation of this event.
3. **2017/2018 Schools competitions.** AM said that he would continue with the Primary schools writing and Secondary Schools Youth Speaks competitions, but it would be helpful if anyone has any relevant contacts, especially for Youth Speaks. We need to see how the Innovation Competition goes this year.
4. **Youth Unemployment project.** Erik Foster, who is the District Vocational Services Chairman, is coming along to the Dinner Meeting on 8th July to talk to the club about this project. Neil Foster is very interested in taking "ownership" of the project and it was agreed to ask him to do so.
5. **Events**
 - **Bayham and Battle Abbey,** Very successful with 45 attending. Yet again thanks to BD for his work and organisation.
 - **Dover Museum.** IW has this underway for 21st September. To be followed by Lunch at the Maritime Hotel. IW is putting a Board round next week.
 - **Artist's Studio.** NM is organising a visit to Graham Clarke's Studio at Boughton Monchelsea for 20th July. £10 for a one hour talk including tea and biscuits and possibly followed by Lunch. Agreed to send an e-mail round.
 - **Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance.** Watch this space.
 - **Day Trips.** MT has investigated particularly with Crosskeys travel. Trips to France and Belgium were available but probably would not find over much support. Of more interest were such trips as a Medway Cruise at around £35 to include a fish and chip supper. In view of other events taking place it was agreed to keep this in mind for 2018.
6. **New Committee Members.** Agreed that we very much need new committee members.
7. **Any other Business.** None.
8. **Date of next meeting.** 15th July 2017.