

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

Minutes of the meeting of ISC held on Tuesday 5 March 2024

1. **Present:** Raj Dasan (RD) (Chair), John Bobba (JB), Robin Vickers (RV), Graham Bough (GB).
Apologies received from: Julie Reza (JR), Gill Dixon (GD).
Other Committee Members: Lewis Norris (LN), Farrukh Hussain (FH), Nan Miller (NM), Mark Rosen (MR).

Item	Matters discussed	Action by	Due date
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024: These were approved and adopted.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £650 has been paid to Shelterbox out of the funds donated by Henry Killender. 2. £350 has been paid to New Life Nyambene. 3. £100 has been paid to Rotary District to support the trip by Kevin Fielding to Ukraine. This payment was made out of the Charity General Fund and not out of funding allocated to the ISC. 		
3	<p>Funding available to the committee at 5 March In July 2023, the Trustees of the RCC Trust Fund made available £1,000 to the ISC and, during November 2023, a further £2,050 was made available, a total of £3,050. The following decisions have been made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paid out: the sum of £250 to Chloe Baxter for the LION Project in Malawi, £350 to New Life Nyambene. 2. Forecast to be awarded: Lend with Care £500, ShelterBox £600 (but see below), Aqua Box £600, a total of £1,700. <p>Of the £3,050 funds made available to ISC, £600 has been paid out leaving available funds of £2,450 currently held in the RCC Trust Fund bank account.</p>		
4	Progress on current initiatives + recent contacts		
4.1	<p>Rotary Club of Dhaka, Cancer Prevention and Screening Project As JR was not present at the meeting, the committee agreed that this project should be considered at the next meeting she is able to attend.</p>	JR	
4.2	<p>ShelterBox In view of the donation to this organisation made out of funds donated by Henry Killender and the low level of funding available to the committee, it was agreed that no further funding by committed to ShelterBox in this Presidential year.</p>		
4.3	<p>Displaced Palestinians It was agreed that the sum of £500 be committed to either UNICEF or DEC after a ceasefire or peace agreement has been signed and delivery of relief is more certain. RD agreed to advise RCC in general meeting of this decision as individual members may also wish to contribute by making Gift Aided donations to the RCC Trust Fund.</p>	RD	

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4.4	<p>Lend With Care (LWC) RV reported that, in all years to date, the RCC has donated £2,550 to LWC to facilitate Micro-finance loans to beneficiaries. Out of these funds, £9,046.81 has been lent in 291 loans, 1,220 entrepreneurs have been helped and 852 jobs created. 7 new loans were made in early March 2024 and funds of £471.51 remains available to lend. It was agreed that a new grant of £500 is to be made to LWC to be loaned out in future when RV considers appropriate projects are available. As funding to be paid to LWC is made by online payment, RV agreed to make the payment on behalf of RCC and it was agreed that RV be reimbursed out of the committee's funding in the RCC Trust Fund. The focus of the loans is agreed to be on food production and related equipment.</p>	JG	RV to ask JG
4.5	<p>Aquabox UK As forecast at the beginning of the Presidential year, it was agreed that the sum of £600 be paid to this organisation. The details of how to make a payment to Aquabox UK by cheque are available on the website of the organisation.</p>	JG	ASAP
4.6	<p>JENGA UK and JENGA CDO, Uganda Rosemary Doyle, Maxine Blades and Jim Gascoyne (RCC President, Secretary and Treasurer and all Trustees of the RCC Trust Fund) have suggested that ISC may wish to consider a grant to assist with the costs of the JENGA Team from St Mary Bredin Church. GB advised the committee of an application to the RCC Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund (RCC MSTF) from a team of young people from St Mary Bredin Church who will be making a trip to Mbale, Uganda, to work with an NGO named JENGA CDO. RCC MSTF will soon be interviewing the 4 young people who are to make this trip with a view to providing some funding to contribute to the £1,400 costs that each person needs to raise. In view of the decision not to make further a donation to ShelterBox in this Presidential year, there are available funds for other grants. It was agreed that, once RCC MSTF have approved funding for the JENGA Team, a grant of £300 be made by ISC to the PCC of St Mary Bredin. These funds are to be restricted to the costs of the JENGA Team. GB agreed to hand over the cheque when it is available.</p>	JG	When asked by GB
5	Any other business		
5.1	<p>Future Fund Raising A 'Frugal Lunch' as a fund raiser in the summer was mentioned to the members of RCC in general meeting on 5 March and it received general support. This event is intended to consist of a meal of soup, bread and a desert for a charge of about £15 per head. Such an event could be held in RD garden or an alternate venue with the members of the committee preparing a choice of soups and serving the attendees. Any surplus raised from the meal and a raffle would be allocated to the work of the committee.</p>	RD	
5.2	No further business was brought to the meeting.		

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6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is to be held **at 11:30 am on Tuesday, 7 May 2024**, prior to the Rotary Club, Business Meeting, meeting to be held on that day.

Matters relevant to ISC that may arise before that date will be circulated to the members of the committee by email for their consideration and comment.