

## Rotary Club of Canterbury

### Minutes for the Club's Business Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at the Kent and Canterbury Club.

1. Welcome to Rotarian Steve Root (RCCS), PP Jarle Tatt (RCCS), President Paul Nolan (RCFB) and Rtn John Wren (District Membership Advisor).

Congratulations to John Hill who will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Greetings to the Club from RC of Chestfield conveyed by Graham Bough following his recent visit.

2. Almoner/Health Report – David not present. President Maxine brought greetings from Rtn Mike Bridgeford.
3. Minutes of last Business Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June were approved
  - a. Matters arising:
    - i. Robin Vickers had volunteered to take minutes at Business and Council meetings and be co-opted to Club Council.
    - ii. Martin Ward had a small team in hand preparing for the MGSE 2025 to be hosted by Canterbury but would welcome others joining the team.

4. Presidents' Matters

- a. The Point – Update: Stephen Thompson advised that the License was now to hand but the Planning Consent needed renewal due to the extensive delays caused by the tardiness of the varying agencies involved and their advisers. The Planning Officer had now suggested an additional condition be applied regarding archaeological oversight – despite the previous reports submitted. Andrew Clague had responded and the matter was now being referred to the Planner's Manager.
- b. Future of Pentangular – Immediate Past President Rosemary had agreed to Chair a small group of Members to discuss the future development of the Pentangular relationship. The group consisted of Martin Ward, Philip Abbott and Stephen Thompson but other Members were welcome. The Group will present their suggestions at a club meeting early in 2025 for members to review and agree a strategy for the Club's participation in Pentangular.
- c. The EMS system – The updates to the EMS are now complete and Members should use the system for booking in and out. The cut off date for bookings is normally Sunday evening but if the deadline is earlier for a specific even, then this will be in the details of the event on EMS and the President will advise by email.
- d. Following a request from District, the Club agreed a donation of £250 towards a new charity in Ukraine called – "Practice Innovators International" – which is a Ukraine-wide telemedicine program. PII is a major attempt to give all Ukrainians the opportunity to obtain medical advice, clinical support and hospital treatment – when required.

5. MGSE

- a. MGSE 2024 to Ludenscheid 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August. Two young people selected and travel arrangements in hand.

6. Treasurers' report
  - a. Financial accounts as at 12<sup>th</sup> June had been circulated to all Members and were agreed. Thanks to Jim and Graham.
  - b. Incoming Treasurer (Tony Loughran) thanked Members who had paid their subscriptions and reminded others that they were due. The Club Handbook would be circulated to Members who had paid once he had received Bank statements confirming payment.
  
7. Updated Club Programme
  - a. President Maxine would circulate the updated Club programme for July, August and September which now included Bat and Trap on 16<sup>th</sup> August. July events are now posted on EMS. Numbers for the Battle of Britain Museum outing are required by the caterers by 9<sup>th</sup> July.
  - b. No meeting had been planned for 9<sup>th</sup> July but it was noted that Tony Pomeroy's funeral would take place that day.
  
8. Fundraising Event 13<sup>th</sup> July
  - a. The 'Banter with Bonkers' with Andy McConnell in aid of the Prince of Wales Youth Club on 13<sup>th</sup> July had 45 tickets sold by the Club so far in addition to those sold by the POWYC. Some Club Members unable to attend had made personal donations. Further tickets available from President Maxine or Joey Wicks (POWYC).
  
9. Rotary in Canterbury / Membership opportunities Summer 2024
  - a. Canterbury City Show. Steve Root explained the Canterbury City Show in Westgate Gardens over 20/21<sup>st</sup> July offered an excellent opportunity for promoting Rotary via a quiz based on recycling and Club Members from all the Service Clubs in the Canterbury Cluster were asked to support either on the Rota or by attendance. An updated promotional leaflet on Rotary in Canterbury was circulated by Jarle Tatt for comment prior to printing.
  - b. Great Stour Riverfest / Duck Race. The Club's annual Duck Race is included within the Great Stour Riverfest as the final event. Marketing of the event is just beginning. Duck sales would take place in advance as usual and there would be a Rotary table in Westgate Gardens on the Riverfest launch day – 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The Club is grateful for help from the Sunrise Club as in the past and to the Forest of Blean Club who would also have a 'Stone the Crows' game in the gardens. ADG would be asked if any Direct Members are available to help.
  - c. North Star support. Rtn John Wren explained that he would not be taking over the membership advisor responsibilities until District handover but welcomed the opportunities of hearing the interaction between the Canterbury Clubs regarding recruitment.
  
10. AOB
  - a. Jarle Tatt thanked Martin Ward for overseeing the making of new Rotary roll up posters for use by the Clubs.
  - b. Raj Dasan asked for clarification regarding charges for use of the Kent and Canterbury Club for committee meetings – Tony/Maxine to follow up.

## 11. Rotary the World Over

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