

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of a Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 22nd July starting at 18.30.

1. Andrew Clague, Richard Kemball-Cook, Raj Desan were welcomed as new members of Club Council.
2. Apologies were received from Robin Vickers
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 20th May
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below) – None
4. Secretary's Business –
 - a. RGB&I database showing 45 members & 1 honorary member as of 12/7/2024
 - b. Great Stour Riverfest and Duck Race - 14th – 22nd September. PR campaign now underway
Next Core Group meeting 1st August.
 - c. Dining arrangements 2024/2025 – update
 - i. Kent & Canterbury Club - Business Meetings – there will be a review in September after meeting with Dominic there
 - ii. Visits/correspondence to Uni Kent Hospitality, Abbots Barton & Howfield Manor have been made with a view to establishing a new regular venue but no reply has been received from Abbots Barton
 - iii. Howfield Manor quote has been received and approved by members
 - iv. Bookings via EMS- the system is working well, but members may need to express their intentions earlier
 - v. (see attached)
 - vi. 2024/5 Club Directories have been posted to members
5. President's Business
 - a. The Point update Andrew Clague updated members regarding a clause in Planning Permission for a possible watching brief for the Canterbury Archaeological Trust during building operations
 - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
 - i. Canterbury City Show 20th & 2st July – the Rotary in Canterbury stand with a recycling quiz proved very successful with 6 Clubs involved.
 - ii. Bat and Trap 16th August – Raj liaising with Golden Lion & Canterbury Clubs.
 - iii. Duck Race – St John's Ambulance and Lifeguards are organised, Stephen Thompson is doing the sheets for members to sell ducks, and the corporate ducks
 - iv. Santa Sleigh is taking to the streets again in December 2024 with the Canterbury Clubs possibly doing their own nights.
 - c. Pentangular 2024 - St Quentin,
 - i. 13 members & guests attended and had a very enjoyable weekend
 - ii. President's meeting – JPP's 4 & 5 reports, Initial JPP 6 discussions with Ludenscheid leading on a possible scheme with Poland. Next meeting: 30th November in Leuven –MB, RD, MD & GB to attend.
 - d. Pentangular Development Group – Rosemary is planning to commence meetings In late October. Martin Ward, Phillip Abbott and Stephen Thompson have so far offered to serve.

- e. Events and Fundraising update – 2024/5
 - i. Sunday 22nd September Duck Race & Pre sales, duck sorting etc. – Tony & Raj
 - ii. 5th October -Andy McConnell at Prince of Wales Youth Club – Maxine
 - iii. Friday, 1st November, Amy Johson Project at Kingston Village Hall kindly organised by Stephen & Sue Thompson.
 - iv. Tuesday, 18th March -Irish evening at Prince of Wales Youth Club

6. Mini Group Study Exchange 2024– Maxine

MGSE 2024 – Sun 18th August to Sun 25th August Ludenscheid.- Martin has reported that transport for the two students has been arranged and an interesting programme awaits them

- 7. MGSE 2025 Canterbury hosting – confirm dates 2025 (17th – 24th) & project team members – Rosemary reported that Martin has commenced planning for this, with help from other Rotarians.

8. Treasurer’s Report – Tony

As discussed at Council on 22/7 I note below the individual spending requirements of the International, Community Service and Vocational Committees.

1) International - £3500

2) Community Service - £6,400. This is estimated as:

Ryla £400

St Nicholas School £400

Prince of Wales Christmas Party £400

Thanington Resource Centre £1000

Hersden Community Centre £500

Rising Sun Children's groups £1000

Salvation Army £1000

Ad Hoc £1700.

3) Vocational £900. Prizes of £600 plus £300 for Junior Writing Competition. May be further request for Senior Writing Competition but no details as yet.

4)Current Funds. As confirmed at the meeting the Trust Fund Account as at 16/7/24 has a balance of £4,039.07 in the Charity General account.

5) Taking this balance into account and the requested spending requirements the Club will need to raise a further £6,730 plus £1800 for JPP6. Total of 8,530.

9. Group’s Updates

- a. Community Service Group – Richard K-C informed the Council that final payments for 2023-4 had been made. The committee is supporting community centres such as Prince of Wales Youth Club and Thanington resource centre.
- b. Vocational Service Group – Richard/Alan – no report, but everyone was very impressed by the work that went into making this year’s Innovations Competition such a success. Thanks to the judges for their work, and to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for attending.
- c. International Service Group – Raj – donations were being considered for Shelterbox, and charities in Malawi, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka

10. Recruitment – Maxine/Robert Yonge

- a. Resignations/leaver Leonard Rae, and possibly Anne Walker-Parry
- b. New Members

11. Rotary North Star Project – Maxine – there was to be a zoom talk about the project that evening and members had been circulated about it

12. Club Programme Update – V11 has been circulated to members

13. AOB

a. Maxine on holiday 31st July – 27th August – contactable via email.

14 Date of next meeting – 19th August chaired by Raj at Rosemary's, 5pm