

## Rotary Club of Canterbury

### Minutes of the meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at Rosemary's home starting at 17:00

1. Apologies – Tony Loughran
2. Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
  - a. Matters arising (not listed below)
    - i. Archive review has been carried out and a slimmed down collection is ready to move to Bretts chapel and/or Kent & Canterbury Club's cellar.
3. Correspondence
  - a. Maxine's List
    - i. Canterbury City Fair – email from Steve Root. There will be a Rotary stand at the Fair which runs 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July. RC Sunrise are organising the stand and are to send through a schedule for volunteers to man the stand. MB will send out the timetable etc when to hand.
4. Secretary's Business –
  - a. RGB&I database showing 47 members & 1 honorary members as of end of March 2024
  - b. Great Stour Riverfest and Duck Race - second meeting held by Zoom attend by MB. Good progress on developing the programme. Duck race will be the final/closing event. Maxine to obtain Rotary in Canterbury logos and send to organisers. Next meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
  - c. Dining arrangements 2024/2025. MB noted that once the programme for 2024/5 is completed new dining venue will be booked. The Kent and Canterbury Club has already been booked for Business Meeting lunches July/December.
  - d. AGM 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024
    - i. Club Council Membership
      - I. New elected members/retirements
        - i) Retirements Peter, Martin & Brian
        - ii) Neil Fraser to be nominated as an ordinary member.
        - iii) Andrew Clague to be nominated as an ordinary member.
        - iv) Nomination awaited from Vocational & Community Services Committee.
        - v) Ex-officio members: Maxine (President & Secretary), Tony Loughran (Treasurer) & Raj Dasan (President Elect) and Rosemary (Past President).
      - ii. Committee Leads
        - I. Raj will continue as lead for the International Services Group
        - II. Awaiting nominations for leads for the Vocational and Community Services Groups.
5. President's Business

- a. The Point update - planning application being renewed.
  - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
    - i. Inner Wheel – Quiz & Chip Night 6<sup>th</sup> April. Rosemary reported that this was well attended by Canterbury Rotarians.
    - ii. Inner Wheel Bingo Afternoon, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Maxine to attend.
    - iii. Peter attended RC Whitstable giving a talk on policing.
    - iv. Canterbury City Fair being organised by RC Sunrise (as above).
  - c. Pentangular St Quentin Visit,
    - i. 14 members & guests attending
    - ii. Summary sent and accommodation being booked by STQ.
    - iii. Monies for trip and accommodation required and being paid.
  - d. Events and Fundraising update – looking at 2024/5 programme which currently includes:
    - i. Amy Johnson Project – possible fundraiser in October
    - ii. St Patricks Night Supper (18<sup>th</sup> April) as a fundraiser for Prince of Wales Youth Club.
    - iii. Cheese and wine tasting for April/May.
6. Mini Group Study Exchange – Martin
- a. MGSE 2024 – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> August to Sun 25<sup>th</sup> August Ludenscheid recruitment of students
    - i. No applications yet.
    - ii. Martin emailed Christ Church & UKC
    - iii. Maxine to check scouts and guide contacts.
    - iv.
  - b. MGSE 2025 – confirm dates 2025 (17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>) & project team members. Peter, Stephen and Julie to form core group.
7. President Elect Report – Maxine
- a. CS&V update – MB visited committee at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Committee to split along Vocational and Community focus. Maxine has offered these ‘spending’ groups membership of Club Council – nomination to be confirmed.
  - b. ISC update – minutes received for meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
8. Treasurer’s Report - Jim
- a. Finance reports as at 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (bank statements to 8<sup>th</sup> April) were reviewed and agreed.
  - b. Draft Budget & Subscriptions 2024/5
    - i. Proposed Budget for 2024/5 was presented to Club Council
      - I. NF raised a query regarding the £3K annual accrued charge for hosting the Pentangular weekend, and noted that the 2024/2025 subscription will include a non-refundable deposit of £75 for the 2027 Canterbury Pentangular weekend irrespective of whether members attend or not.
      - II. MB & RD noted that discussions will be held to review Pentangular activities and expenditure during 2024/5.
      - III. MB agreed to make explicit reference to the Pentangular accrual when presenting the Budget at the AGM.
    - ii. Treasurer proposed budget adopted – agreed,

iii. The subscription for 2024/5 is £207 with recommended £20 voluntary contribution for Rotary Foundation.

9. RC Canterbury Trust Fund – Appointment of additional Trustee.

- a. It was agreed that Graham Bough to be appointed as a Trustee for the RC Canterbury Trust Fund.

10. Fundraising

- a. 2024 Duck Race – on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

11. Recruitment – Martin

- a. Resignations/leavers - none
- b. New Members - none
- c. Rosemary noted that we have an opportunity to address members on Canterbury BID at their June meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June at Wagamama's. It was agreed that the focus would be on the opportunities that Rotary gives to those coming up to retirement and recently retired.

12. Honorary memberships

- a. Current lifetime members Lord Carey, Lord Mayor of Canterbury & John Harris
- b. No new Honorary Members proposed for 2024/5.

13. League of Friends fair K&C Hospital 17<sup>th</sup> August – request to run the BBQ. Club Council agreed.

14. Club Programme Update February & March 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> April Pub Evening. Chloe Baxter

30<sup>th</sup> April Dinner – Amanda McKean from the Canterbury Festival at the Cricket Ground

May

7<sup>th</sup> May lunch Business Meeting & AGM

14<sup>th</sup> May evening – Farrukh Hussain talking on Hypnotherapy at the Cricket Ground

21<sup>st</sup> May lunch - TBA.

28<sup>th</sup> May Evening meeting – Tour of Old Canterbury Brewery, followed by dinner there.

June

4<sup>th</sup> Club lunch Assembly at the Cricket Ground

11<sup>th</sup> June evening – Marco Keir from Canterbury Christ University at Cricket Ground

18<sup>th</sup> June lunch – Peter Hermitage, Operation Pedestal at Cricket Ground

25<sup>th</sup> June lunch Handover meeting venue tba.

15. AOB

- a. Brian – Reported that the Club has received 70 entries to the Innovation Competition from 10 schools – short listing under way.
- b. Peter offered his, and the Council's thanks to Jim for his work as Treasurer.

Maxine Blades

24/04/2024