

Rotary Club of Canterbury

Minutes of the Meeting of the Club Council held on Monday, 18 November 2024

1. Present: Maxine Blades (President), Rosemary Doyle, Andrew Clague, Raj Dasan (President Elect), and Tony Loughran (Treasurer)
2. Apologies - Neil Fraser and Robin Vickers,
3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 – were agreed.
 - a. Matters arising (not listed below):
 - i. District Air Ambulance Support Vehicle – Maxine noted that Club members had been notified of the appeal and invited to make their own donations.
 - ii. Addendum to minutes £150 to Jarle Tatt for Zambia Project – Jarle sends t=his tanks and has bought three packs of school stationary which he is taking out on his visit to the project.
 - iii. Duck Race Date for 2025 – Maxine to contact Riverfest organisers to check if it is running and advise Raj.
4. Secretary's Business –
 - a. RGB&I database showing 44 members & 1 honorary member as of 18/11/2024
 - i. Plus Malini, minus Anne Walker- Parry.
 - ii. Death of Hon. Member John Harris is noted with regret. Maxine has sent condolences to the F=family and hopes to attend the funeral.
 - iii. Nan's subscription and dining account are being paid by her daughter who is setting up standing orders to cover future costs.
 - b. Kent & Canterbury Club – November meeting feedback noted that serving the meals is still chaotic and Maxine will talk to Dominic about this. Council confirmed that they are content to confirm bookings for Business Meetings for first six months of 2025.
 - c. Howfield Manor arrangements – feedback 12th November meeting suggests that at least two people were unwell of the meal on the 12th. Maxine to write to Howfield and report this. Otherwise meeting room and equipment for 12th November were good.
5. President's Business
 - a. The Point update – Andrew noted that meeting with Diva to see water dispenser. Masons have advised end of April completion date. Andrew also noted that meeting planned for early December to consider 'unveiling' ceremony and celebration. Tony noted that there wasn't much money available to fund this and consideration will need to be given as to budget and source of funding.
 - b. Cooperation with Local Clubs
 - i. Bat and Trap proposal for 2025 Raj waiting for Golden Lion to open their 2025 diary.
 - ii. Canterbury Society Heritage Expo – 9th November Westgate Hall - -Maxine reported that this was successful with 800 people attending. The profile of Rotary was definitely raised and some enquiries about membership were made. Maxine was joined by President Paul Nolan from Forest of Blean for the afternoon.
 - iii. Santa Sleigh – December 2024 – Maxine reported that second email request for helpers has been successful. Now awaiting schedule from Andreas.
 - c. Pentangular 2024

- i. President's meeting confirmed as 30th November – attendees Maxine, Rosemary, Raj & Graham. The Shuttle has been booked as have hotels.
 - ii. Pentangular Development Group – Rosemary noted that various discussion papers had been circulated to members.
 - iii. Pentangular Xmas Carols will be confirmed at the meeting but the French seem keen to do this again.
 - d. Events and Fundraising update – 2024/5
 - i. Friday, 1st November, Amy Johson Project at Kingston Village Hall kindly organised by Stephen & Sue Thompson update. £1200 raised.
 - ii. Club Xmas Dinner, 10th December invites out – entertainment needed, Maxine looking at options.
 - iii. Tuesday, 18th March -Irish evening at Prince of Wales Youth Club
 - iv. Review of fundraising strategy early in 2025 group membership to be confirmed in January.
6. Mini Group Study Exchange 2024– Maxine
- a. MGSE 2025 in Canterbury – draft programme has been prepared but will need to reflect budget available. Further meetings in the new Year will progress the arrangements for the visit in August.
7. Treasurer's Report - Tony
- a. Finance report – had been circulated to Council members – no queries were raised.
 - b. Approval by Club Council of Annual Accounts – Year ending 30th June 2024. The accounts have been reviewed by scrutineers Lewis and Richard who have agreed them, Maxine to sign the accounts before presentation to SGM on 3rd December.
 - c. Group spending plans – Tony
 - i. Community Service – allocated £5000 from Events Account
 - ii. International Service – allocated £3000 from Trust Fund
 - iii. Vocational – allocated £1200 from Events Account
 - iv. Group leads are to be reminded they must provide agreed minutes with details of organisations, and amounts being donated, and obtain receipts for these. Group leads should also consider the governance arrangements of potential recipients e.g. registered charities, community interest companies and other governance arrangements.
 - d. 2024/5 Subscription payments update – all now paid.
8. Group's Updates
- a. Community Service Group – Richard – not present
 - b. Vocational Service Group – Richard/Alan – not present.
 - i. Query regarding Young Chefs Competition – it has been confirmed by Alan that this is not running this year.
 - c. International Service Group – Raj noted that minutes had been circulated.
9. Recruitment – Maxine/Robert Yonge
- a. Resignations/leavers – Anne Walker-Parry
 - b. Prospective New Members
 - i. 7 Day notice for Malini. No objections received and Malini inducted into membership in November
 - ii. Enquiry from Aragon Charles sent to Robert.

10. Club Programme Update – V18.

- i.
- ii. 26th November A Christmas Carol – Nonington
- iii. Santa Sleigh 2nd – 13th December
- iv. 10th December – Xmas Dinner
- v. 17th Canterbury Xmas Market & Light meeting at 6pm at Café Nero.
- vi. 1st January – Presidents Drinks at Hatch Farm

11. AOB.

- a. Honours Board Storage
- b. Brian, Gill & Jim poorly.
- c. John Harris funeral – 6th December
- d. Andrew – raised the issue of ‘corporate membership, as he is aware of a number of business contact who might be interested in a different form of membership.
- e. Rosemary noted that Martin Ward had looked at this a couple of years and that Andrew might talk to Martin.
- f. Maxine expressed concern as to what the ‘offer’ would look like – the Club might have to look at developing new projects provide focus for new members.

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