

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- COUNCIL MEETING

8 JANUARY 2020

Attendees

Bill Gidley - Chair
Nick Bellamy
Clive Collier
Brian Davies
Sandy Dunn
Steve George
John Gould
Gren Lamb-Hughes
Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Bryan Rickett
Roger Shepherd
Peter Stuckey
Stuart Wineberg

Apologies

Keith Cameron
Graham Hollier
Stewart Mitchell
Iain Small

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Signed by the Chair.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill opened the meeting, on behalf of the Club expressing our thoughts are with Veronica Hollier and Graham at this very difficult time.

3. REPORTS AND UPDATES

All updates are as in the reports which follow, circulated ahead of the meeting, except where noted below.

3.1 CLUB TREASURER

As report. Sandy additionally confirmed that a budget for potential future WTTW website requirements is held separately.

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As report. Including excellent new banner for Purple for Polio!

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As report, to be covered in the business meeting.

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4.2 COVER AND CAPACITY

Recognised Nigel Budd is the next Trust Fund Treasurer, also running stalls at the Mayor's Picnic and incoming Junior Vice, Bill and Bryan will consider and discuss capacity with Nigel. Also to consider support needs for finance and other key roles.

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Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date

APPROVAL OF TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE

The Trustees approved the following items of expenditure:

- £1,100 for Community School in Mulpani, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Two Music Recognition Awards, each of £500, as in 4.1 above.

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[JRL note : Four or more trustees must be present for a Trustee Meeting. Voting is by majority. If required in case of a tie, the person chairing the meeting; normally the President, would have the casting vote]

REPORTS CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

CLUB TREASURER

At the end of December, having made allowances for unpaid bills the Club had in its account **£9,200**. In addition members had a positive balance of **£1,300** on their dinner accounts. Members have been issued with their balances at the half year and several individuals have already responded.

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Plans for Reminiscences of Romsey on 14th March are well in hand. Letters/forms have been sent to 120 individuals and friendship groups inviting them to apply for tickets. VIPs have been invited and the entertainment programme is finalised. - Charles Burnett's audio visual presentation, Nikki Jones's activity session, Stuart Wineberg's Do you know your Romsey Quiz and the Romsey Ukulele Group. A commitment sheet will be circulated to members at the end of the month.

Nick

TRUST FUND TREASURER

A Budget Monitor to 21.12.2019 has been sent in advance to members of Council.

Graham has also shared the following with all Club members:

A half-year review has been carried out with committee chairs and the following actions have been taken into account.

Community Service

- Reduced by £500 donation to Young Carers, reduced budget allowance still to be spent of £1,500.
- Transferred £250 from Community Projects to Past Presidents budget balance for Dementia Music. Stuart W now has £750 as a committed expense.

RoR

- Free let for hall hire reducing the budget by £200

Club Working Contingency

- Have removed the sum of £1,000 from the budget and this has been added to uncommitted funds so at the moment is available for a deserving cause or project.

This now means that we have uncommitted funds of £4,045. Consideration may need to be given to hold over a sum of money to 2020/21 as the transfer from the Walk fund was £20,000 for 2019/20 and

is likely to be in the region of £15/£16k for 2020/21. Bear in mind though that at the half-year stage in our accounting period, out of an adjusted annual budget, taking the savings above into account of £18,014, there remains £14,189 still to be spent.

Significant activities for the month include:-

- BigGive donations of £400 to Action for M.E., £1,000 to Parkinsons UK and £300 to Ataxia. To these amounts, Gift Aid (*) was added so the total money received by these charities was c£2,100 *(* N.b. : Sandy has subsequently advised the donations made without Gift Aid)*
- Members donations in lieu of Xmas cards raised the sum of £1,234 including Gift Aid, distributed to 22 Charities who were all sent cheques with a letter stating that there was no need to reply thereby saving them postage costs.

I will not be attending Council but if you have any queries. concerns or questions, or if I have got any of this wrong, I will be happy to respond by email. Prefer no calls at the moment please.

Graham

CLUB SERVICE - VICE PRESIDENT

The new caterers are due to start next week. I hope to keep this a low-key event in order to avoid a large number of people eating on the first evening and stressing the system!

Future dates have been given to the new caterer, he has organise staff, we live in hope.

I have sent my thanks to Ali for the work of the Olive tree.

Bryan

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Keith

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Greetings and Happy New Year from New Zealand. We do not return until the end of January. I have nothing to report this month.

Iain

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A reminder to ensure you have the following dates in your new 2020 diary:

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I shall report further regarding marketing for the walk at the February council meeting. Stuart Wineberg has initiated a review into how we can optimise walkers from the business sector.

Sandy

WTTW

Walk figures as below as of 6/1/2020, may be a small amount still to come

Registration £6309; JG £63446; Sponsor Forms £12,739; GA £1,098. Total £83,592

Brian

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have agreed to release £250 of our budget to match Past Pres commitment to a dementia music class,

I am hoping to meet Youth In Romsey, with Steve George as chair of Youth, to discuss last year's summer holiday activity and a proposal to extend/ amend this to include low cost holiday children's care. This was to be our big project and regrettably has not gone forward yet. Expenditure will likely come after June, so I leave Council to decide how they want to amend budgets. Of course, with no budget, your committee cannot commit.

Romsey Abbey School will be coming to talk at our meeting on 11 March and may well be bringing a project for consideration. But will we have a budget?

Peter

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As members of the chamber we have been invited to a Romsey Future event on 28th November presentation.

There's is chance to get £5000 for a community project. I have had no response from club about this initiative.

Stewart

INTERNATIONAL

School in Mulpani, Kathmandu, Nepal

1. In my reports to Council held on 6 Nov 2019 and 4 Dec 19, I advised, inter alia, that:

- a. The school needed financial support for the completion of the ceiling work which was estimated to cost about 165,000 Nepali Rupees for materials, transportation and installation.
- b. I had been in contact with the Rotary Club of North East Kathmandu advising that In order to move forward I needed the confirmation from them that:

1. The estimate for the work of NR 165,284 (based on a ceiling area of 1271.41 sq ft at NR 130 per sq ft) was both accurate and reasonable.
2. They would be willing to monitor progress of the ceiling work and to transfer the funds (from the Rotary Club of Romsey Test) to the school to pay for that work at the appropriate time.
3. Such funds can be transferred from the Rotary Club of Romsey Test Club to the appropriate bank account of the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu, including whether the transfer should be in NR or GBP; the name and the number of the account to which the funds should be transferred and the SWIFT code for the bank holding the account.

2. I have been advised that Madan Poudeyal (Chairman of the Rainbow Volunteer Club which is sponsoring this community school) has provided detailed information to, and attended a meeting with, the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu. As a result I have received the confirmation, that I requested, from Dr Dinesh Pant, Chairman of their Services Projects Committee of the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu, as shown in the following extract from his email:

a) We have verified the cost estimations done by three local parties as submitted for ceiling work of 1271sq ft, amounting to NRs 171585, 165230 and 177940. As the quotation submitted by Kharga Metals Industries, Bouddha is NRs 165230 (including costs of materials, transportation and fittings), it is better to be chosen to get the work done.

b) We will monitor the ceiling fixation work at the said school

c) For sending money to RVC through our club for this purpose, our bank account details are: A/C Number 012 0205 0250 221 at the Nepal Investment Bank Ltd (Swift Code to be sent later). It is Nepali currency account; the foreign currency would be converted into the equivalent Nepali currency as per the exchange rate of the day on which the money is deposited.

d) We will arrange transfer of money received to RVC either in full or instalment basis as needed.

3. At the current exchange rate 165230NR is circa £1098.

4. I therefore propose that £1100 is donated (from the Club's currently uncommitted funds of £4045) to pay for the ceiling work at the school.

International Committee Meeting

5. The next meeting of the Committee will take place Tuesday 4th February to start to address the projects and activities the Club should support in 2020/21. It is anticipated that these will be ones that have a local theme or link or ones in which the Club could become involved, or have a relationship or perhaps work in partnership.

Gren

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Speaks is scheduled to run on Thursday January 16th. I have had verbal commitments from Romsey and Mountbatten schools and we may have 4 teams altogether but no application forms yet. The schools broke up mid December and have not yet returned. I have secured an Independent Head judge,

We have a breakfast meeting with Youth in Romsey on February 12th.

The tech tournament is scheduled for March 4th.

Steve

SPORTS & SOCIAL

Verbal update at the meeting.

Clive

SECRETARY

I attach information below on items, that I'll mention at the meeting next week:

- The first is a **Rotary Foundation** event taking place in Crosfield Hall on the morning of 22 February
- The second is **Volunteer Expo** taking place from the 1st-3rd May 2020 at the NEC in Birmingham. I think this is the replacement for what was Rotary National Conference. It would be good if someone wishes to attend, perhaps for one day. Any volunteers?

For information also, we presently have 56 Active Members // 2 Associate // 2 Honorary.

Jon

"OUR CHARITY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION"

Find out more about the work of the Rotary Foundation "Our Charity" on 22nd February 2020 at Crosfield Hall, Romsey

The Rotary Foundation funds hundreds of humanitarian projects each year, supports Foundation Peace Scholars who make a difference in the wider community and have Rotarians at the UN participating in key issues which affect our lives.

The Foundation Seminar will have a range of speakers on areas of focus for the Foundation and an interactive panel session. An Agenda will be sent out in the next two weeks.

JOIN the Foundation Team at Crosfield Hall, Romsey on 22nd February 2020 from 9.30 - 12.30p.m. and spend an interesting morning on Foundation "Our Charity".

Many thanks for all your work on behalf of Rotary and the Foundation and a Happy and Peaceful 2020.

Regards

Toni Roberts

District Foundation Chair

New year. New event. New opportunities.

When January comes around it's the time of year we look at making resolutions. Perhaps you already have one for you or your Rotary club for 2020.

Maybe you want to learn a new skill? Make new connections in your community? Or take the plunge by trying something completely different this year?

Well why not roll all those new year resolutions into one and book your free tickets to [Volunteer Expo](#).

Start 2020 as you mean to go on - by exploring something new!

[Book tickets](#)

What is Volunteer Expo?

Volunteer Expo is the new event that Rotary is bringing to the charity sector. It is the must-visit event for volunteers and people with an interest in doing good in their community.

There will be a lively [exhibition of charities and organisations](#), a huge range of interactive workshops and a programme of [insightful speakers](#).

This is the perfect event for you, your club and your family to be attending in 2020!

When and where is Volunteer Expo?

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How much does it cost to attend?

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You can register via our [online booking portal](#) or alternatively, if you're travelling as a whole club, you can download and complete the [group booking form](#) and return it via email to hello@volunteere expo.co.uk and we'll take care of the rest!

Coming Soon: The Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner

A special Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner will be held on the evening of **Friday 1st May** at the National Conference Centre – less than a mile from the NEC, where Volunteer Expo is taking place from 1st-3rd May.

This is chance for you to review and explore many of the Grant Projects that clubs and districts have promoted this year across our six Areas of Focus, which underpin the good work of The Rotary Foundation.

We will also be joined by a guest speaker, which will be announced soon.

All visitors to Volunteer Expo have the opportunity to book tickets to this dinner, which will be available soon.

Prior to the dinner, there will be a reception for Major Donors and Bequest Society Members. Guests who are not attending this reception will have the opportunity to enjoy a visit to the British Motorcycle Museum, next door to the venue.

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RAFFLE

Spirited raffle conducted by Shaun.

NEXT WEEK

Town Hall meeting; the scouts we supported to attend the World Scout Jamboree reporting back on their experience of the event.

FINAL TOAST

Rotary Peace and Fellowship the World Over.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date