

## **Rotary Club of Romsey Test**

### **Minutes of Council Meeting 1 November 2023**

**Present:** Ed Holmes                      Bill Gidley                      Bryan Rickett                      Clive Collier  
                 Roger Shepherd                      Ieuan Wathen                      Ron Bowater                      Peter Hurst  
                 Keith Cameron                      Steve George                      Shaun O'Brien                      Nigel Budd

**Apologies:** Brian Davies

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October were agreed and signed by President Ed and Secretary Roger. There were no matters arising.

#### **President**

As per attached report.

The Procedures Clarification was discussed and a period of 10 days for members' consideration of proposed changes was agreed.

Ed Holmes will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Club at the Remembrance Day event.

#### **Secretary**

There were two items of correspondence as referred to in the attached report.

As per the attached report.

Roger Shepherd reported that Stewart Mitchell had apologised for the Business Meeting tonight and meetings for the rest of November. He will also be absent for a period of 7 weeks from late January.

#### **Club Treasurer**

As per attached report.

Clive Collier noted that for publicity purposes a grant can be obtained from District towards the cost of anything that has on it the Rotary Club badge.

#### **Trust Fund Treasurer**

As per attached report.

Peter Hurst suggested that any unbudgeted expenditure agreed should initially be taken from free funds before reallocating budgets. Council agreed with this approach.

#### **Club Service**

As per attached report.

After some discussion it was agreed that Ron Bowood will set up a trial Google Group for Council to demonstrate its operation at the next Council Meeting.

Council agreed to give Christmas tips of £20 to each member of the catering staff. This will be discussed with members at the following Business Meeting.

Clive Collier reported that he had met the secretary at the British Legion and agreed that any Committee may use the Council Meeting Room without charge, providing that she was advised in advance. The email address for providing this advice is [secretary@rrblclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@rrblclub.co.uk).

Clive reported that he had arranged a speaker to talk about the future of the World of Water site on 22 November. Council agreed that this would be a partners/guest event.

### **Communications**

Shaun O'Brien informed Council that most advertising would be through Facebook which had proved very successful. He requested Chairs to advise Communications to ensure that suitable Facebook material was produced. He requested chairs to email him with details of events. Shaun is also looking at improvements so that the club can be publicised in a better way.

### **Fund Raising**

#### **WTTW**

As per attached report.

Ron Bowood informed Council that over £20k would be added to the Club Trust Fund which was very good and an improvement on last year. Cheques will be sent to other charities next week.

### **Carols in the Square**

Arrangements for this event were reported as being in hand.

### **Community Service**

As per attached report.

Council agreed the suggested £1000 donation to Hampshire CAMS which is allowed for in the approved budget.

Council agreed the suggested £400 donation to Romsey Young Carers which is allowed for in the approved budget.

Council agreed the suggested £500 donation to the Rotary Xmas Toy Boxes which is not allowed for in the approved budget.

Ieuan Wathen

### **Membership**

As per attached report.

### **Foundation**

As per attached report.

### **International**

As per attached report.

Bill Gidley reported that on Monday he had received an email from his contact in Nepal about the budgeted donation to assist a local school which would be used to purchase 4000 notebooks. Council agreed to this request.

### **Youth**

As per attached report.

Funding for Polina Kudrinova was discussed. Council agreed the proposed sum of £500 being donated towards the school trip to Iceland and that this would be put before members at the Business Meeting.

Council agreed that the Rotary Roundel could be added to the Mountbatten website music sponsorship page.

### **Sports and Social**

Nothing to report.

### **AOB**

Keith Cameron requested Committee Chairs to update information on the website relative to their area. He felt that the website has changed little since 2017.

Ian Fisher is attending the meeting tonight. His CV will be passed to the Secretary for issuing to members.

Ed Holmes – President

Roger Shepherd - Secretary

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS RECEIVED**

### **President Report – Business Meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.**

There has been a lot of activity during October with our committees. I am sure our next Business Meeting will be interesting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting so that we can get a cross section of voting for the proposals.

#### **Appointment of Communications and Marketing Chair.**

It is with pleasure that I can announce Shaun O’Brian has agreed to manage and Chair this important committee.

Shaun is working with Outreach Radio as a reporter. At our Guest Speaker meeting last month, Shaun invited the owner of this organisation, Osman Sen-Chadun to give us a speech about the Radio Industry and his radio station in particular.

Shaun is qualified in marketing and has experience with Social Media, he has also attended The Institute of Sales & Marketing course.

Before any news releases are passed to the press or social media, would members please send the ‘copy’ to Shaun

#### **Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Rob Avery who is an engineer at the Southampton General Hospital and maintains the Radiotherapy Scanners will be our speaker and give us an insight into how these machines work. Technology is advancing fast in this area.

Also invited is Liz Hopley a Radiotherapist at the hospital and she uses these machines to treat patients. Liz is a Romsey girl and used to live opposite Roger Shepherd and next door to where John Witham lives.

The Mayor of Romsey John Ray and his partner Rosie Ray are also Guests on the 15<sup>th</sup> they will receive a cheque of £1000 from the Mayors Picnic income for his chosen charity.

#### **Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

Please note in your diaries, this will be a Business meeting and our District Governor George Phillips has requested to attend on this date.

#### **Club Development**

Since taking on this role from Bill, he has kindly agreed to assist me with this project.

There are various discussions and meetings taking place to research and identify the future needs of the Club.

I will provide an update in a future report under Club Development Project.

## **Procedures - Clarification**

Every member of RCoRT has the right to vote on proposals. To enable the members to evaluate and understand any proposal it is only fair that these proposals are submitted to Council and circulated to all the Members at least 3 weeks before the next Business meeting. It is advisable to submit all proposals to the appropriate Committee in the first instance.

Ed Holmes

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. District Governor**

President Ed Holmes has invited District Governor George Phillips to attend one of our meetings. George especially requested to attend a Business Meeting. It has been agreed that he will be attending the meeting on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

### **2. Minstead Trust**

A letter was received from the Minstead Trust thanking the Club for our donation of £350 plus vouchers and individual items. The letter adds that their Woodwork teams will be so pleased to be able to purchase some items from their wish list and put the items to good use.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

As previously advised the Special General Meeting will be held before the main Business Meeting this evening. In respect of the election of Officers I am pleased to be able to inform you that nominations have been received for each of the posts. Other nominations may be submitted up to the commencement of the meeting.

Roger Shepherd

## **Club Treasurer's Report**

Following are Club Account details as of 28th Oct with the delta numbers relative to last report on 30 Sept

Actual Bank balance	6,568.68	+832.87
Members Dinner Accounts	814.04	+494.81
Pending Venue Bills	915.50	-297.00
Club's money	4,839.14	+635.06

Apart from the usual stuff related to processing standing orders, member meal accounting and RBL/YIR payments, the only other activity was a debit of £16.63 for purchase of batteries for the radio mikes we use in the RBL.

## **Walk The Test Way**

Small amounts of walker sponsorship money are still trickling in but all the bills have been paid so it is possible to predict to a good degree of confidence what the final financial position will be.

The important numbers are as follows:

Money raised by walkers (sponsorship and gift aid)	74,954.72
Total income including business sponsorship and registration fees	85,376.02
Costs of staging the event	7,502.99
Payouts to charities (excluding Rotary)	56,702.54
Proceeds to Rotary	21,170.49

More details on these numbers can be found on the web here ..

[https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.uk/walk\\_reports/Walk2023Accounts.pdf](https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.uk/walk_reports/Walk2023Accounts.pdf)

If you are interested in how this compares to previous years, you can see this in the web document here .. [https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.uk/walk\\_reports/WalkHistory.pdf](https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.uk/walk_reports/WalkHistory.pdf)

From the history document you can see that in terms of proceeds to Rotary it has been an excellent year (116% increase on 2022) with the number just falling short of our best ever year (2009) by a few hundred pounds. The main reasons for the large amount raised for our club this year are a) significantly increased business sponsorship and b) a large number of walkers (43) raising money specifically for our club.

It is also interesting to note that in the 20 years of the event it has raised over a million pounds for charity and over £250,000 for our Club Trust Fund.

As always, I will be very happy to answer questions by email on in next week's meeting.

Regards

Ron

## **Trust Fund Treasurer's Report**

I attach the Trust Fund dashboard up to 31 October 2023. This does not include any of the Trust Fund proposals being considered at the November Council and business meeting. Could Committee and Budget Holders note that I will not action a donation until you have sent me final authorisation, even if the donation has been approved by a business meeting. I will need payment details (unless the recipient has received a donation in the last year) and confirmation that the recipient has been sent any necessary notice.

Also could budget holders keep an eye on their budget lines and let me know if they are unlikely to spend the amount allocated in this financial year. We can then consider carrying forward any underspend to next year and freeing unspent funds this year for other donations.

Peter Hurst

**Rotary Club of Romsey Test**  
**Trust Fund – In-year Dashboard**

Trust Fund Budget Spent by  
31 October 2023

**£7,604 - 29.3 %**

Trust Fund Budget should be Spent by  
31 October 2023

**£8,710 - 33.6%**

Free Funds as at  
31 October 2023

**£7,194**

RCoRT Trust Fund Allocated Funds 2023/24					
	Owner	2023/24 Allocation	Spend to 31st October 2023	Balance	Approved by Club
<b>YOUTH</b>					
Dictionaries for Life (D4L)	Chair - Steve George Stuart Wineberg	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	Y
Young Technologist	Steve Simmons-Jacobs	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	Y
Youth Speaks	Charles Lacey	300.00	100.00	200.00	Y
Young Writer	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Young Photographer	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Peace Jam (ex Foundation)	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Organ Scholar	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Young Chef	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Learn to Earn	Steve George	250.00	0.00	250.00	Y
Enterprise days	Steve George	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
Peace Jam	Stuart Mitchell	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
District Youth Levy	Ed Holmes	174.00	174.00	0.00	Y
<b>Youth Total</b>		<b>7,924.00</b>	<b>274.00</b>	<b>7,650.00</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
Michelmersh and Timsbury Youth Football Kit	Chair - Ieuan Wathan Bryan Taphouse	300.00	300.00	0.00	Y
Youth in Romsey	Ed Holmes	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	Y
Romsey Young Carers	Ron Bowater	2,000.00	250.00	1,750.00	Y
Psalm 23 Garden	Nikki Jones	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	Y
Minstead Tools	Nikki Jones	350.00	350.00	0.00	Y
Baby Necessities	Nikki Jones	500.00	180.00	320.00	Y
Braishfield Social Contact group	Ieuan Wathan	250.00	250.00	0.00	Y
Contingency	Nikki Jones	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	Y
<b>Community Total</b>		<b>10,900.00</b>	<b>6,330.00</b>	<b>4,570.00</b>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>					
Dentaid International Uganda	Chair - Bill Gidley Bill Gidley	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
Kenya Life Aid centre	Bill Gidley	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	Y
Nepal - School Notebooks	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
South African Safe House	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
Disaster Relief /Shelterboxes	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Y
<b>International Total</b>		<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	
<b>FOUNDATION</b>					
End Polio Now	Chair - Bryan Rickett Bryan Rickett	500.00	0.00	500.00	Y
<b>Foundation Total</b>		<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>OTHER ALLOCATIONS</b>					
Presidential Giving	Ed Holmes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Y
<b>Other Allocations Total</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>ALLOCATED FUNDS TOTAL</b>		<b>25,924.00</b>	<b>7,604.00</b>	<b>18,320.00</b>	



## **Club Service Report**

A. Google Groups. Ron is kindly setting up two Google groups one for the whole club and one for council members. As I understand it members can then set up an email with one click from their account without having to go through the laborious exercise of using the club website. He will explain on Wed and if council agree then we will inform the members at the Bus meeting and go live soon after that. A Rotarian chum of mine told me that they use it at his club and it makes enormous sense to me.

B. Christmas staff gratuities. Pre covid the club gave staff a gratuity at Christmas and I would like council to consider and agree to reintroduce. My suggestion is that they are given to Helen behind the bar, the cooks 2 I think and the servers 3 I think. £20 each? I am waiting for the caterer to confirm numbers

C. Mary, the Legion Sec, has asked that she be asked by committee chairs if they wish to use the committee room for a meeting. There is no charge but it may be required for a different purpose.

Clive Collier

## **Fund Raising Report**

### **WTTW Nov Report**

Following the WTTW this year we have now had two meetings to discuss feedback received plus planning for 2024 which mainly concentrated on manpower. Many thanks to those who gave feedback.

Ron in his report will give the financial progress, however it looks like we are heading for a very positive report with regard to how much has been raised.

Many thanks, see you Wednesday

Brian

Walk Chairman

## **Membership Report October 2023**

A busy month!

### **Membership Review**

The membership review has been presented and all members should have a copy of the feedback. The Way Forward group has been set up by Ed who is planning a meeting to launch the review (date to be confirmed).

### **Material for a potential new member**

The Membership Team has had its first meeting, has reviewed and updated available documentation and is now awaiting sign off so that it can be used. This includes the Presidents letter and updated guidance notes to help a new member when joining.

Other support material has been looked at including the Club flyer and what material we should obtain and provide from RGBI. This needs to be in conjunction with Communications once the group has been formed.

The websites have been looked at from the prospective of a potential new member. Some updates have been made (changing meeting venue from Town Hall). Others will be recommended as part of the Way Forward group.

Our own Club site is looking very good but does need to be updated by some Committee chairs to bring up to date with 2024 events.

### **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**

A request for a presentation has been made to Tunde Adelakun, District Chair, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion. It is hoped that this will be on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Future membership**

It is hoped that Ian Fisher will be able to attend our Business Meeting and we will be able to give him the acceptable paperwork to apply for membership.

Looking further towards the future, Mark Parrish has let us know that they have had a baby boy. A card has been sent to them on behalf of our Club.

Keith Cameron  
Membership Chair

## **Community Committee October Report**

Below is My report to the council for October and requests for funding. I am sending early as there is quite a lot going on at present and will give everyone a chance to read through.

Mike Kosican has joined the committee

Psalm 23 garden Ron Arranging a visit

### **Hampshire CAMHS**

I would like to Propose a Grant of £1000 coming from the contingency budget the Community committee has.

Below is some further information re: grant for funding for schools leaflet for year 4 to 6 The books would be distributed to schools and youth organisations directly. We also run a number of events, where we share our resources.

I have attached an example of one of our mental health monsters books to show you the quality and power.

Below is a little more information on this and hopefully attached are a couple more books 3 different types of resources they are seeking to get an initial print run on as follows;

Parent/carer Manual - see attached so you can see the quality £ 10 per copy

Know your stuff- see attached £3.47 a copy

Mental Health monsters a series of 10 books for primary aged YP. Waiting on costings but I suspect it will be £4.00 a book

I have copies of the books in PDF. These are in the link below.

### **Romsey Young Carers Christmas wish**

We have in our budget money allocated for the Romsey Young carers We would like to use £400 for the Christmas wish. This will fund 50% of the larger items required. Please can we have club approval for this?

The Christmas Party (which is held mid-December at the Appletree Centre) is one of the year's major events for RYC and the 150 or so Young Carers at which each YC is presented with a large Christmas bag containing toys, cracker, selection boxes and one larger item, this year being a nice cushion.

Last year the Community Committee also asked for donations of the smaller items such as Carbury's selection boxes (£2 each), Toiletries for teenagers and boxes of Christmas crackers. I will email early November for this.

### **Rotary Xmas Toyboxes**

Its called Rotary Xmas Toyboxes and its aimed at Refuges and the children in them, in the UK. The charity has a database of all the refuges in the UK and roughly how many children are in each one and their sex and ages. Each toybox contains £80 worth of new toys and the cost to us is £25 per box (the charity negotiates with toy suppliers for good deals).

Propose £500 from Unallocated funds

### **Local help for Apprentice**

We have had the below request

I am a Family Nurse within the Family Nurse Partnership programme in Hampshire. We provide specialist nursing support to young parents in Hampshire with children under the age of 2 years of age. I have the consent of my client to share details with you to submit this request for a grant.

Poppy is 20 years of age and lives alone in Romsey with her son Jaxon. Jaxon is 1 year and 5 months old. Poppy is training, as an apprentice, to be an accountant. Poppy is on a low income (Apprentice wage) however she doesn't qualify for some benefits as she is working and she has to pay for her bus fares to enable her to get to her apprenticeship placement. This means that she has limited means to be able to pay for large items when they are needed.

Poppy's cooker has broken and she cannot afford to replace it. I wondered if Rotary could consider a grant to Poppy, please, or the purchase of a stand alone cooker (with oven) so that she can cook for herself and Jaxon.

Propose a Budget of £350 from Contingency budget

### **Braishfield social contact group**

Received a Thank you note.

Link to Various Documents supporting the above.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11VSviWWpTk-RB\\_4Qvknq1uslpUID0uHo?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11VSviWWpTk-RB_4Qvknq1uslpUID0uHo?usp=share_link)

Please feel free to send questions. I will be at the meeting on the 1st November, but not this coming week.

Kind regards Ieuan

## **November Foundation report**

Recent data released for polio day in October declared that there have been 7 wild polio cases declared this year thereby demonstrating how close we are to global eradication.

I am struggling to make contact with Hilliers regarding a new polio fund raiser, any help gratefully received..

Please contact Peter Hurst If you would like to donate to Foundation (which is Rotary's charity that enables our global impact). Many members choose to pay £60 annually, others prefer to pay £5 per month.

Thanks

Bryan

## **Rotary International report**

Dear All,

Wheels are in motion but nothing worth reporting this month.

Bill

(International committee chair)

## **Youth Opportunities Report**

To all Rotarians , please see our report for Novembers business meeting.

**D4L** - Thank you to all our volunteers, Stuart W is pleased to say that all school presentations are now fully staffed and we started delivery of the Dictionaries to our Year 4s on October 31st. We finish on Friday 17th November. I would like to thank Stuart for his organisation of this important school community event.

**Youth Speaks** - We are pleased to announce that we have at least 5 teams from Romsey, Mountbatten and Woodlands schools committed to taking part in this first round of the 2024 Youth Speaks - A Debate. To be held at the Town hall the date for your diaries is Thursday January 18th. Rotarian Charles has kindly agreed to organise the event and will be in touch will be in touch with willing assistants in due course. The Youth Speaks event is a very worthwhile experience for students, to debate against other schools, at our Town hall and in front of a room of observers. We will send a winner in each age category to a Rotary Group second round on January 30th. Rotarians are welcome to come along and watch , even support our local schools.

**STEM Technology Tournament** - We have set a date of 13th March 2024 for this very popular schools competition. Thanks to Steve SJ for his continued enthusiasm in running this event. More details will follow in due course and we will be looking for a number of Rotarians to support on the day. 3 teams confirmed so far.

**Young Chef** - Stewart Mitchell and I went to meet with the Cookery head at Mountbatten, Laura Jones who is keen to hold a first round event at her school. Date confirmed for Tuesday

December 5th and there should be xNo of Mountbattens' keenest cookery students competing for two spaces at a District round in early February. We will look for two judges and Sarah O'brien has kindly offered her services as a Judge for the event. Costs within budget, we are likely to keep this to Mountbatten only at this stage unless Laura wants to extend it to other school contacts to make up numbers. Club round Dec 5th and District round Early February- hosts Salisbury we think.

**Mountbatten Schools January Brass Day** - Youth Committee have supported a £500 total spend here subject to getting more detail from the school Music head teacher. £250 from central budget and £250 from President Ed. The goal here is to raise awareness and create an interest and passion in playing brass instruments, where interest from young people has wained since covid. Further detail will follow in due course.

**Mountbatten Music Academy** - We have been approached by Stuart Marchant, musical Director to see if we have an appetite to support some Music Technology workshops in the summer aimed at the schools most vulnerable students often those categorised as pupil premium, refugees, those with learning difficulties etc. Looking to raise £30k for a six week course, Stuart has been unsuccessful in getting a grant from Youth Music and has contacted us to see if we could support it in some way. We have gone back with some questions. Youth committee current view is to support Mountbatten music with say £1000 for musical activities but we will come back with updated info later.

**Funding for Polina Kudrinova** - Ukrainian Refugee - This 15 year old child has had a remarkable first year at Trafalgar school Downton, since fleeing to England with her mother from Mariupol where they have lost everything they had. She has won the schools Star of the Year for her outstanding progress. Polina has been offered a place on a school geography field trip to Iceland but it's unaffordable at £1100. The Uk host, Jane Lax from Whiteparish, has approached Rotary to see if we can help with any funding. She has already arranged 50% of the costs from their local church vicar. This mother and child are known to Rotary having given a talk to the club earlier in the year. Graham Lee and Mike Thorne suggested an approach and they have also spoken to David Sutton. This cost is not in the Youth budget but we think we should be able to assist. It has been suggested making contact with Salisbury Rotary as well given the area in which she lives. RCoRT youth committee would however like to provide the remaining 50% , ie £500. given the connection she has with our club and make a referral to Salisbury Rotary for ongoing support as needed. This funding is approved by Youth Committee but needs council and club approval. I have personally contacted Salisbury to advise them of our thinking.

**Young Musician** - For information, we have approached Mountbatten school to see if they have any talented pupils that might like to enter the District Round of Young Musician to be held at Godolphin School, Salisbury in March 2024.

**Mountbatten** have asked if they can put our Rotary logo on their School Music sponsorship page as it might help their general fundraising efforts.

**Steve and Youth Committee.**

## **Sports and Social Report**

Nothing to report

## Rotary Club of Romsey Test

### Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023

1. Election of the President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary and Club Treasurer for next year.

A single nomination had been received for each post these being:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
President	Clive Collier	Ed Holmes	Charlie Daniel-Hobbs
Senior Vice President	Charlie Daniel-Hobbs	Clive Collier	Ed Holmes
Junior Vice President	Ieuan Wathen	Charlie Daniel-Hobbs	Clive Collier
Secretary	Rosemary Forward	Clive Collier	Ron Bowater
Club Treasurer	Ron Bowater	Clive Collier	Ed Holmes

In the absence of other nominations these nominees were duly elected.

2. Election of 3 voting delegates to attend the 2024 RIBI Conference.

In accordance with normal practice this would be:

- a. President
- b. Senior Vice President
- c. Secretary

The meeting agreed to these officers being the Club's delegates at the 2024 RIBI Conference.

3. Receiving and approving annual Club accounts for year ended 30th June 2023.

Club Account

Acceptance was proposed by Jon Livingstone and seconded by Gren Lamb-Hughes.

The meeting voted to agree the proposal.

Trust Fund Account

Acceptance was proposed by Gren Lamb-Hughes and seconded by Jon Livingstone.

The meeting voted to agree the proposal.

