

## **Rotary Club of Romsey Test**

### **Minutes of Council Meeting 5 July 2023**

<b>Present:</b>	Ed Holmes*	Nigel Budd*	Bill Gidley
	Bryan Rickett	Clive Collier	Charles Daniel-Hobbs*
	Brian Davies*	Roger Shepherd*	Ron Bowater*
	Nikki Jones	Jackie Taphouse	Bryan Taphouse
	Peter Hurst		

**Apologies:** Steve George

\*- Trustee

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

These were agreed and signed by Past President Nigel and Secretary Roger. There were no matters arising.

#### **President**

As per attached report. It was agreed that the request for funding of solar panels at the Dr Peter Centre would be considered by members at the Business Meeting in August. It was agreed that the proposals for Club Development should proceed as proposed.

#### **Secretary**

There was no correspondence.

As per the attached report.

The proposed extension of the Measures for the Development of the Club was proposed by Roger Shepherd, seconded by Bryan Rickett, and agreed for consideration by members at the following Business Meeting.

#### **Club Treasurer**

As per attached report.

Clive Collier proposed a sum of £1000 be included in the budget for room hire for social events, seconded by Bryan Taphouse, but this was not agreed.

Ron Bowater proposed a monthly subscription of £12 for presentation to members, seconded by Nigel Budd, and this was agreed.

Ron Bowater proposed that the budget be approved for presentation to members, seconded by Roger Shepherd, and this was agreed.

#### **Trust Fund**

As per attached report.

Peter Hurst proposed that the budget be approved for presentation to members, seconded by Roger Shepherd, and this was agreed.

Clive Collier proposed that the Club does not hold Reminiscences of Romsey again, seconded by Bill Gidley, and this was agreed.

Both Clive Collier and Charlie Daniel-Hobbs expressed concern that the budgets were late in being presented. Clive asked that Standing Orders be checked to see if budgets should be agreed at the AGM. Charlie suggested that budgets be prepared soon after Christmas but there were comments that some chairs were not likely to have been approved at that time.

### **Club Service**

Nothing to report.

### **Communications**

As per attached report.

Bryan Taphouse proposed that subject to member's agreement, a donation of £300 be made to Michelmersh & Timsbury youth football team towards kit, seconded by Nikki Jones, and this was agreed.

### **Fund Raising**

#### **WTTW**

As per attached report.

#### **Relay Marathon**

No report received.

### **Community Service**

As per attached report.

Nikki Jones proposed that subject to member's agreement, a donation of £350 be made to the Minstead Trust for tools, seconded by Bryan Rickett, and this was agreed,

### **Membership**

As per attached report.

Jackie Taphouse informed Council members that this week she had been diagnosed with early stage dementia. Members expressed concern and sympathy for Jackie.

### **Foundation**

As per attached report.

### **International**

As per attached report.

### **Youth**

As per attached report.

### **Sports and Social**

No report received

Clive Collier reminded Council about the barbecue to be held in Norman Oldmeadow's garden on 30 August.

**AOB**

Nothing

Ed Holmes – President

Roger Shepherd - Secretary

## **Reports Received**

### **President's Report**

It was only 7 days ago that I had the privilege of becoming your President.

Welcome to all those Committee Chairs who have joined Council.

Since becoming your President; so far, I have attended our own Presidents Handover and The District Governors Handover in Bransgore, Christchurch AND helped at the Mayors Picnic.

A big thank you to Clive Collier for organising the Presidents Handover and to Nikki Jones for all the hard work and time she has given to organising the Mayors Picnic.

### **Meetings**

We are an active club with many projects currently on the go. We are allocated 90 minutes for our monthly Council Meetings. With this time constraint, we need to enable us to arrive at quick and efficient decisions. Decisions need to be evidence base; to that end, we need to rely on written reports and propositions. Spontaneous last minute ideas do not allow us time to come to satisfactory conclusions. I urge all committee Chairs to submit their propositions in writing to the Council members via email well in advance.

Committee Chairs can bring a member of their committee or a Project Leader to Council meetings to support any propositions, provided The Secretary is given 'advanced notice' of who will be attending.

### **Club Development**

I have had much discussion with our members regarding the future of our club; we, like many other clubs are subject to its demographics. This subject requires long-term strategic planning with no restrictions to its remit. So often I have heard quoted "we always do it that way" to find that those clubs are no longer in existence, because they have not changed with the times!!

We need a Team to undertake a full study and find the way forward to determine the future of our club and produce a plan. Their remit would be research at all levels of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion within and outside the Club membership.

I therefore propose we form a Club Development Committee and I am pleased to say that Bill Gidley has kindly agreed (a few beers may be in order) to Chair this Committee. I am asking you all to support this proposition.

### **Outstanding Item – Dr Peter Centre Solar Panels Proposal from Rotarian David Sutton**

At our last Council meeting, we agreed to ask the Trustees to approve this proposition. The Trustees were happy to allow Council to proceed with the determination of this project.

At the end of the last Rotary Year, an email poll was taken from the Council Members to find a way forward; majority were in favour of the proposal.

This proposition should now be sent to the members to determine acceptance or refusal.

We now ask David to send his proposition to all club members and be prepared to answer any questions about the project. In addition, members can ask the views of any Council members.

I suggest we present this plan of action today and subsequently take a final vote a month later at our Business Meeting on the 2nd August 2023.

It is important that we apply “Due Diligence” to any propositions made and supported with good evidence, which is compliant with the appropriate principles of Rotary.

Please note our start time is 18.15hrs in the RBL Committee Room.

Ed Holmes

## **Secretary’s Report**

### Measures for the Development of the Club

At the meeting on 4 January it was agreed that revised Measures previously adopted for the Development of the Club would be renewed for a period of 6 months, thus expiring now. These Measures are listed below. The President Ed Holmes, wishes in his year, to form a new group to further develop such issues. It is proposed that the current Measures be extended for a period of 12 months from 3 July or until such time as the new group have developed new proposals.

#### The Currently Adopted Measures

1. The Club will aim to be attractive to a diverse range of the community and to have a number of different activity focusses to suit different sections of the community and the Club.
2. Existing Business, Speaker and Breakfast Meetings will continue as at present (or in any form subsequently agreed), as an important area of focus particularly for existing members. Existing Club Committees (except Community Service) will continue to operate in the way that they do now.
3. A substantially increased area of focus will be based around Community Service activities. This will be project based and particularly aimed at new and younger members. The group will aim to involve potential and new members immediately in these community activities. This group will meet monthly in a form of meeting to be determined by the group, possibly to suit people who are working and with a busy family life. Existing members will also be able to be involved with these activities as they can now.
4. Due to its scale another area of focus will be Walk The Test Way which will hopefully involve most members in assisting on the day besides a more restricted group organising it. Meetings will be arranged as required by the organising group.
5. Other areas of focus may be similarly developed in the future.
6. All Members will be welcome to take part (or not) in any of these different areas of focus. Members will choose which meetings to attend. They will also choose whether that activity is attending meetings or getting involved in organising projects or just helping at events.
7. As at present there will be no minimum attendance requirement.
8. Members will pay the cost of membership without meals plus the cost of whatever meetings that they choose to attend. Thus those choosing to attend Business, Speaker and Breakfast meetings will pay what they pay today. Those only attending Community Service group meetings will only pay the cost of membership (without meals) plus the cost of those meetings.
9. Following consultations with the District Governor and the DG Elect the present process to become a member (as defined in Club Standing Orders 5.1 and 5.2) will be replaced such that:

- a. Possible new members attend as many meetings of any type as they may choose. They assist in whatever Club activities that they choose. During this period they pay for the costs of meeting attendance but do not have to pay the monthly membership fee. They do not have access to members' data. They book into meetings via the Secretary or Community Service Chair.
  - b. Possible new members are encouraged to become a member by members of Council or any Club members.
  - c. When the possible new member feels that they wish to become a member a process is commenced and effectively they become a potential new member. If they do not wish to become a member they may remain a friend of the Club.
  - d. The potential new member must prepare a curriculum vitae (one side of A4 maximum) which is circulated to all members by the Membership Chair.
  - e. The Membership Chair will explain to the potential new member the details of Rotary.
  - f. The potential new member must complete a standard Rotary application form.
  - g. The potential new member must attend at least one Business, Speaker or Breakfast meeting and one Community Service Group meeting so as to gain experience of the whole of the Club and so as to enable them to meet more members. The cost of attendance at such a meeting is met by the Club.
  - h. After this attendance an email is sent to all existing full members asking if they had any comments about the person becoming a full member. Any such comments are considered by Council who would decide if that person becomes a member.
  - i. Upon appointment the new member becomes responsible for paying the monthly membership fee and the cost of attending meetings. They have access to member's data.
10. Communication will be important to the success of the Club in this format. Therefore:
- a. Notes will continue to be taken of all meetings (except social meetings) which are circulated to all members. Notes of Community Service Meetings will be included within the monthly Community Service report to Council and Business meetings.
  - b. The Community Service Chair will continue to be responsible for communicating between Council and the Community Service group

Roger Shepherd

## **Club Treasurer's Report**

At the end of Jun 2023 (i.e the end of the Rotary year), we have an actual bank balance of £5632.57 with member's dinner accounts of negative £626.13 (i.e. members owe the club money) and one RBL bill of £572.50 waiting to be invoiced and paid. Therefore the club has effectively £5686.20 as a financial asset.

At the start of the year, the equivalent figures were £6927.20, positive £436.85 and therefore an effective club financial asset of £6490.35 meaning that over the year, the latter decreased by £804.15 i.e. our incomings from your £10/month subs were exceeded by our outgoings (RIBI, District levies plus club operating expenses) by that amount.

RIBI has recently announced that there levies for the 2023-24 year will be increased from £70 per member to £78 and I assume that there will be a similar increase in the smaller District levy. Therefore I will be recommending to members via Council that we increase monthly subs to £12 effective from 1st July, £1 of which will restore balance to the clubs budget and £1 to pay for the increased RIBI fees.

The effect of this will be that less of your monthly standing orders is available to pay for your meals and therefore, depending upon how many meetings you attend, your dinner account may go into the red faster than before. You can correct for this by either increasing your monthly standing order e.g. from £45 to £50 or by making one off payments.

I will be sending out personalised dinner account statements in the next week so you will have the opportunity to either demand a refund if your account is in credit or make a one off payment if in debit.

Please find below my draft budget for the coming year based on an increase of subs to £12pm and RIBI levy from £70 to £78.

Ron Bowater

## **Trust Fund Report**

Please find below the proposed Trust Fund budget which has resulted from discussion between Ed, Peter and myself over the last week or so.

Ron Bowater

RCoRT Trust Fund Budget 2023/24 - V1.6 Updated RJB 4/7/23						
COMMITTEE BUDGETS						
Committee	Owner	Budget 22-23	Actual 22-23	Variance 22-23	Budget 23-24	Notes
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>Chair - Steve George</b>	-	-	-	-	
Dictionaries for Life (D4L)	Stuart Wineberg	1,400.00	-1,611.00	-211	1,700.00	Expected increase in dict. Costs
Young Technologist	Steve Simmons-Jacobs	900	-859	41	1,500.00	Support from Soton club ? Materials cost increase
Youth Speaks	Charles Lacey	300	-24	276	300	Support in 23/24
Young Writer	Steve George	0	0	0	500	No Activity in 22/23
Young Photographer	Steve George	500	0	500	500	No Activity in 22/23
Peace Jam (ex Foundation)	Steve George	0	0	0	500	No Activity in 22/23
Organ Scholar	Steve George	500	0	500	500	Support in 23/24
Young Chef	Steve George	500	0	500	500	New in 23/24
Learn to Earn	Steve George	500	-250	250	250	Support in 23/24
Peace Jam	Bryan Rickett	0	0	0	250	Moved from Foundation
Enterprise days	Steve George	0	0	0	500	New in 23/34
<b>Youth Total</b>					<b>7,000.00</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>Chair - Nikki Jones</b>				-	
Youth in Romsey	Ed Holmes	0	0	0	1,500.00	Ed Holmes project leader
Romsey Young Carers	Ron Bowater	0	0	0	2,000.00	Ron Bowater project leader
Baby Necessities	Nikki Jones	0	0	0	500	Continue support in 23/34
Braishfield Bees football kit	Bryan Taphouse	0	0	0	250	Bryan Taphouse project leader
Contingency	Nikki Jones	0	0	0	2,500.00	To be allocated throughout year
<b>Community Total</b>					<b>6,750.00</b>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>Chair - Bill Gidley</b>				-	
DentaId International Uganda	Bill Gidley	710	-710	0	1,000.00	Continue support in 23/24
Kenya Life Aid centre	Bill Gidley	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0	1,600.00	Ditto
Nepal Girls Sanitary Packs	Bill Gidley	1,300.00	-1,344.00	-44	1,300.00	Ditto
South African Safe House	Bill Gidley	0	0	0	1,000.00	Ditto
Disaster Relief /Shelterboxes	Bill Gidley	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0	1,000.00	Ditto
<b>International Total</b>					<b>5,900.00</b>	
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>Chair - Bryan Rickett</b>				-	

End Polio Now	Bryan Rickett	250	0	250	500	Hilliers format to be changed TBD
<b>Foundation Total</b>					<b>500</b>	
<b>FUNDRAISING/PROJECTS</b>					-	
Walk the Test Way	Brian Davies	0	0	0	0	
Relay Marathon	Charlie Daniel-Hobbs	0	0	0	0	
Carols in the square	Bryan Taphouse	0	0	0	0	
Songs of Praise	Bryan Taphouse	0	0	0	0	
Mayor's Picnic	Nikki Jones	0	0	0	0	
<b>Fundraising Events Total</b>					<b>0</b>	
<b>Committees Total</b>					<b>20,150.00</b>	
<b>Estimated Income</b>						
Walk The Test Way 2022					10,000.00	In Walk/RM account
Relay Marathon 2023					10,000.00	Available end July after committee mtg
RCoR dissolution					1,000.00	Available End of July
Brought Forward					6,700.00	Includes Psalm 23 £3,500 but not DPC Solar
<b>Estimated Income Total</b>					<b>27,700.00</b>	
Notes:						
Further £5000 RM potentially available after proposal for further RM investment to be considered by Council						
Mayor's Picnic may deliver additional £1-2k Income						
<b>Resulting Free Funds</b>					<b>7,550.00</b>	



## **Communications Report**

What's App has been successfully set up and is already our primary quick communication method.

I plan a meeting with all those doing communication in various ways.

I have a request for £300 from Michelmersh & Timsbury youth section for those unable to afford kit.

Bryan Taphouse

## **Fund Raising Reports**

### **Walk The Test Way**

Registrations are a little below normal at the moment, however several of our supportive charities have only recently started advertising the event, we are confident that several companies are interested in getting involved with a charity.

Features about the Walk will be appearing in the Echo and Advertiser this month, plus local magazines.

The gazebo will be in the Town Centre on July 16th to advertise Rotary and the Walk. A reminder will be sent to those who offered their time on the day.

Brian Davies

## **Community service report**

Firstly I'd like to say a huge big thank you to all those who came along to help on Sunday. We had a record number of visitors and couldn't have coped without all the pairs off hands there to help. Please could I ask those Rotarians whose wives came along to help to pass on my thanks to them. They were all amazing!!

As soon as we've had a 'wash up' meeting and sorted through costs we will be able to give a firm idea of funds raised on the day. I've spoken to many of the charities who attended, and they are all very pleased with both the funds they were able to raise and the amount of people they were able to connect with.

I mentioned before that I'd applied for a grant Town Council grant to help cover some of our costs. We were successful in receiving £400 which will be put towards the cost of new 'sum up' machines' refreshments for the Mayor, his guests and our volunteers plus other sundry items.

I will send out a complete list of costings etc. to all members as soon as it's available.

Psalm 23 Garden update

After an initial meeting with Ben, the manager, from Elliott's, the owner Tom Elliott has offered his full support towards this project. He has very kindly agreed that Elliott's will provide all the extra materials needed free of charge (value of approximately £1500) to enable us to construct the decking base for the actual shelter.

Romsey Men's Shed will begin construction on July 24th and the Rotary money allocated £3500 will be used to fund the actual shelter plus internal seating etc. The aim is to have the project completed by October.

Publicity will be shared between the three main sponsors. Romsey Rotary Club, Men's Shed and Elliott's.

Minstead Trust.

I had intended to do a collection this evening for the Minstead Trust. However, I've been so busy with the Mayors Picnic that I haven't had time to create this month's wish list in time. I would like to ask the club to fund these items below with a donation from unallocated funds please

Irvin Jack 8TPI wood saw. 22 inch £7.99 each. X 5. £39.95

Axminster mini belt sander 230V. £99.98

Makita PJ 7000 Biscuit jointer -230 volt. £209.98

Total cost £349.91

The purchase of these items will ensure that all the young adults working in the woodwork department will be able to continue making items to sell in the Furzey Gardens shop. This continues and helps with their integration into society and gives them a feeling of worth, whilst the sale of goods brings a much needed income revenue for the charitable trust.

It would appear that a lot of the everyday items used by the trust are from Screwfix. Safety goggles etc. these items are not necessarily expensive, but they need volume and on a regular basis. The work the Trust does in enabling these young adults with a wide range of learning disabilities is essential and I'm humbled every time I visit!!! With this in mind I would like to propose that during the month of July if anyone is able to purchase and donate a voucher for

Screwfix for the Trust then please let me know and I'll arrange a visit and handover at the end of the month (provisional date of Tuesday 25th July @10.30 am). Anyone wishing to join me for a visit and tour followed by lunch at Furzey Gardens (cost to be confirmed) please let me know.

Whilst I have a budget submitted to The Trust Fund I would like to add that I have a number of possible projects in the pipeline for the next financial year. I would like to be able to apply for additional funding and access club funds if the need arises. I always overspend my budget and in these current times I feel that the next financial year will be tough, so although I have a budget I feel that it is just a guide!?

Finally I have about 100 bottles of water left from the MP. I'll give these over to the WTTW team

Nikki Jones

## **Membership Report**

I am planning an open house for members and potential new members on the 2nd September

We have interest from 2 more potential members Chris Riley and Chris Harpham and I am inviting them along to the club for a meal.

The 75th anniversary of Rotary in Romsey is planned for November and it seems at the moment the only likely venue is The Potters Heron

Nothing else to report yet!

Jackie Taphouse

## **Foundation Report**

We have a Foundation expert from district giving a talk on the 19th July. This is part of an effort to encourage more members to support Foundation with personal donations.

Bryan Rickett

## **International Report**

Nothing substantial to report.

I am currently trying to organise a meeting between Gren, Nigel, John G and myself to confirm our international project plans.

Bill Gidley

## **Youth Report**

The only thing to report is that Ed and I have met with Andrew Porteus, Head teacher at Mountbatten but at this stage have not been able to get a meeting with Romsey. Nothing to report otherwise.

Steve George

## **Rotary Club of Romsey Test**

### **Minutes of Business Meeting 5 July 2023**

Ed Holmes opened the meeting by thanking Clive Collier and his team for an excellent Handover event. Ed then presented a Past Presidents badge to Nigel Budd. Nigel gave a very short speech noting that he was proud to have represented us and thanked everyone for their help and support. Ed thanked Nigel for his work over the past year.

Ed presented the Junior Vice Presidents badge of office to Charlie Daniel-Hobbs. Charlie thanked Ed and wished him good luck in his year as President.

Ed greeted Gren Lamb-Hughes to the meeting.

### **Correspondence**

There had been no correspondence.

### **President**

As per attached report.

Ed Holmes referred to the request for £5000 towards solar panels for the Dr Peter Centre and the proposal agreed by Council to make a decision on the request at the next Business Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. In the meantime David Sutton would send information on the request to all members who may wish to raise any queries with him. David Sillence remarked that the club had made a substantial donation towards the Centre in the past.

Council had agreed to the proposal to form a Club Development Committee led by Bill Gidley to investigate possible developments of the Club. This will be starting work shortly. Bill will speak with small groups of members.

Mike Thorne asked who had bought the glasses of port which had been distributed. Clive Collier said that he had bought it to celebrate his 70+10 birthday on Friday. Members duly toasted Clive.

### **Secretary**

As per attached report.

Roger Shepherd proposed that the extension of the Measures for the Development of the Club as agreed by Council, seconded by Bryan Rickett, be adopted by the Club, and this was agreed.

### **Club Treasurer**

As per attached report.

Ron Bowater proposed a monthly subscription of £12 as agreed by Council, seconded by Bryan Rickett, and this was agreed.

Ron suggested that most members who have meals should increase their monthly standing order to £50 to cover increases in costs.

### **Trust Fund Treasurer**

As per attached report.

Proposals for the Trust Fund Budget will be circulated to all members for consideration at the next Business Meeting.

### **Club Service**

Nothing to report

### **Communications**

As per attached report.

Bryan Taphouse proposed that as agreed by Council and the Trustees, a donation of £300 be made to Michelmersh & Timsbury youth football team towards kit, seconded by Steve Simmonds-Jacobs, and this was agreed.

### **Membership**

As per attached report.

### **Community Service**

As per attached report.

In Nikki Jones absence, Charlie Daniel-Hobbs proposed that as agreed by Council and the Trustees, a donation of £350 be made to the Minstead Trust for tools, seconded by Jon Livingstone, and this was agreed.

Charlie also mentioned that Nikki had arranged a talk on 25 July about Minstead. If you are interested contact Nikki.

### **Communications**

As per attached report.

### **International**

As per attached report.

### **Youth**

As per attached report.

### **Sports and Social**

Clive Collier reminded members about the barbecue with a caterer to be held in Norman Oldmeadow's garden on 30 August.

Clive also informed members that there will be a golf day during September. Details to be advised.

### **President's Comments**

Ed Holmes told members that he had attended the District Governor's Handover. The incoming DG sends his regards and would be happy to come to see us at a meeting.

### **Walk The Test Way**

As per attached report.

Brian Davies noted that since preparing the report numbers have now increased. Brochures are now available and Brian encouraged members to talk with anyone that they give a brochure to.

Steve Simmonds-Jacobs will be organising marshals for the event and will shortly be contacting members to check mobile phone numbers etc.

### **Relay Marathon**

Nothing to report.

### **Any Other Business**

Tony Abbott requested volunteers to assist the Town Marshalls in controlling traffic during the Beggars Fair.

Stuart Wineberg asked for 2 or 3 volunteers to help sticking sheets in Dictionaries for Life. This will take place on Tuesday 11 July at 14.30.

Ed Holmes remarked what a successful event the Mayor's Picnic had been and thanked Nikki Jones and Nigel Budd for organising it. Good reports had been received from the Council and the Mayor. Clive Collier noted that there will be a wash up meeting which Nikki will organise. Jon Livingstone suggested inviting the Mayor along to a meeting. Ron Bowater gave thanks to Romsey Fire Service for filling the pool.

