

Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Minutes of Council Meeting

held on 6th March 2019 at 6.30 pm in Romsey Town Hall

Apologies were received from Jon Livingstone. Minutes of the Meeting of 6th February were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report

Terry Proctor had applied for leave of absence from 1st April to 20th September 2019, this was granted.

Andrew Crowley was treated as having resigned from the Club. It was agreed that the new members would not be put on the R.I.B.I. and District sites until Nigel Butt had been elected. The ten day notices for Nigel Butt had been circulated. The Secretary explained that unfortunately due to a sudden staff departure following illness, he would be unable to continue working fully as Club Secretary. It was subsequently agreed with Jon Livingstone and Roger Shepherd that between the three of them they would continue with the secretarial duties until the end of the current Rotary year.

Trust Fund Treasurer

His report had been circulated, and simplified information had been sent to all members. Once all the budgeted funds had been taken into account there was £4,000.00 uncommitted. Some funds had been set aside for miscellaneous purposes. If the Community Service's proposals which were to be put later, were accepted then all the budget would have been used. The Treasurer said he would circulate incoming Chairmen with budgets by the end of May.

Club Treasurer

There was £9,700.00 in the account, of which £2,700.00 was due to members. Peter Stuckey raised the question of name badges. This was discussed, and it was also pointed out that the website photographs were not up to date, Steve George would look into the question of the photographs.

Club Service

It was suggested that the meeting in The Cromwell Arms would be held in the fourth week as Committees could meet then and it would not be a long time before their proposals could be put to a Business Meeting. It was agreed therefore that the

Breakfast Meetings would be moved to the second Wednesday of the month and that Social Meetings would be moved to the fourth both still at the Cromwell Arms.

Communication Committee

The report was circulated and agreed. An approach was to be made to Maria (the new Romsey Advertiser reporter), and she was to be invited to ROR.

Membership Committee

Nigel Butt was being sent a ten day letter. Shaun O'Brien had been along a couple of times, (he chased Steve up this week), and he will be coming to The Cromwell Arms next week.

Meetings had been held with Nikki and Joe. They were surprised at the large number of things that were going on. District was arranging a new members day at the Crosfield Hall, the date of that had yet to be circulated.

Fund Raising Committee

The Report had been circulated. Sponsorship of Walk the Test Way by Specsavers had been confirmed. The Fund Raising Committee will be speaking at the April Business Meeting about the new registration system. Twelve cheques from last year's Walk were still to be banked.

Community Service Committee

An approach had been received from Mrs Searle who has a severely disabled husband. Work to adapt her home had not been finished, and Community Services would like to help to fund that. In all it would cost £1,300.00 in total but could we contribute £600.00 to £700.00. Mr and Mrs Searle own the property.

Romsey Third Scout Group want to re-proof their marquee, £500.00 was offered.

A nurture room was wanted at Romsey Infant School to help disadvantaged children. A lot of work had been done, but they needed furniture. The Committee would like to support the project up to £1,250.00. The Parent Teacher Association was trying to raise between £9,000.00 and £10,000.00 for upgrading playground equipment, which was why they weren't able to help with the nurture room. The last £1,000.00 was being sent to the young Carers. A request for pop up display was declined.

A payment of £300.00 to £400.00 for Nikki was to be proposed to the Club. She is proposing to help the Family Support Group in a project which could roll over into next year.

Foundation Committee

The report was in, the crocuses were now past their best, and probably raised £150.00. The project is to run for five years, the bought crocus badges had cost £157.85. Thirteen or fourteen students from our supported schools were going to Peace Jam.

Graham pointed out that District Funds need to be specifically allocated.

Mayor's Picnic and Reminiscences of Romsey

Reports for both events would be given at the Business Meeting.

International Committee

They want to continue support with Dentaïd, and it was agreed that a donation of £350.00 would be given. They wanted to contribute £250.00 to Parkinsons, but that was not an international project.

Youth Speaks

Salisbury and Andover Clubs hadn't done their rounds in the competition in time, and it had been agreed that our teams would go through to the District completion.

The newly appointed person at Youth in Romsey started on 1st March. They have a project but details of this are not available, and more information is needed. Rotary is prohibited from giving money for salaries and buildings. The allotment hut put up last year was a great success and a poly tunnel is being used.

Sports & Social

Nothing to report.

President's remark

The search continues for a Junior Vice President. The President was organising an application for a Governor's Award, Sandy Dunn said he would help with the text of the application.

Any other business

Stuart said he was going to be attending the Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

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President

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Town Hall

Apologies – quite a number.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that he was unable to continued full time due to staffing problems at work. It was subsequently agreed with Jon Livingstone and Roger Shepherd that between the three of them that the secretarial duties would be covered until the end of the current Rotary year.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer confirmed that there was £9,700.00 in the Club's account with £2,700.00 due to be repaid to members.

Trust Fund Treasurer

The up to date figures had been circulated, so members could use what funds were available.

Club Service

The Senior Vice President confirmed that he had been looking into moving the venue, but it was difficult to find anything suitable in the Town. The White Horse had two rooms available, one would only seat 40, and the other (Stable rooms) were subject to a £500.00 fee. The back room at the Abbey Hotel may be available in the future. It was felt that the British Legion was too large, and the catering had not been good enough. At present the Town Hall seems to be the best venue we could have. The Senior Vice President had spoken to Ali at the Olive Tree to try and get a small range of better meals. They looked at increasing the price, and the suggestion was up to £17.00 – no decision was made on this. It was felt that a better presentation would be good. Members were asked to speak to the Senior Vice President with any feedback on catering – ideally with positive suggestions rather than just complaints.

The Senior Vice President explained the change of the meetings schedule, so the Breakfast Meeting would be on the second Wednesday of each month, and the Social Drinks evening would be on the fourth Wednesday. The Community Service Committee had started meeting at the socials and this was recommended to other committees as an idea. It was agreed this procedure would start in April.

Communications Committee

Disappointment was expressed as John Gould had done an article for The Romsey Advertiser which had not been published. Joe has picked up Facebook, and there

has been one member enquiry from that source. If you give any information that might be relevant for Facebook then send it to Joe, he will then publish it. The Rotary International Magazine is in the cupboard for members to take. There had been a delay with the newsletter as John Gould has recently moved.

Membership Committee

Nigel Budd's ten day letter has been circulated, and it was hoped that he would join on the 20th. Shaun O'Brien was coming to meetings, and in addition a Facebook enquiry had come through. The Club's promotional leaflets needed updating as it was wordy and old fashioned. Some members didn't receive the ten day letter from the Secretary so it is being recirculated.

Fund Raising

At the April Business Meeting there would be a presentation on the new website for Walk The Testway, which would then go live at no cost to the Club.

Community Service Committee

Mrs. Searle had written to the Committee. Her husband was handicapped; they had got Grants to improve the uneven floor in the house. It would cost £1,300.00, and it was proposed that we contribute £700.00. It was subsequently awarded at £900.00.

The Third Romsey Scout Group marquee was being re-proofed at a cost of £500.00. This was agreed to support Sophie Ward a Guide going on a development project in the Maldives, £250.00 was agreed.

David Sutton had asked for a pop up tent for £300.00. This was to be agreed by the Community Service Committee.

As Romsey Abbey School have a high percentage of pupils from difficult backgrounds, a quiet nurture room was being created. A lot of work was being done, but they needed furniture. The PTA was raising funds for playground equipment, so they couldn't help at the moment. The room would be linked in its name to Rotary. The PTA would be invited to join in Walk The Testway. These awards mean that the Community Service Budget is now completely used.

Foundation Committee

The End Polio Now Crocuses are just finishing. Foundation had been able to obtain more pins from District clubs costing a total of £157.00. One Club even charged postage.

Fourteen students from Romsey were going to Peace Jam, ten were to be at dinner on Friday night. The club paying out £60.00 for Mountbatten School, and £400.00 for Romsey School.

International Committee

Nothing to report.

Youth Speaks

See Council Minutes. Also see for Youth in Romsey Project.

Sports & Social

Nothing to report, but the Rotary banner is now missing.

Mayor's Picnic

Nothing to report.

Reminiscences of Romsey

All organised. Health and safety now requires a personal exit plan for any non mobile guests. This is being arranged. Walk The Testway is now on 29th September 2019.

Club Almoner

Nothing to report.

President's remarks

Prostate Cancer Day is on 16th March being run by the Romsey Club.
Can any members support this?

Inner Wheel are holding a meeting at Ampfield Golf Club on 1st April, and there is a proposed visit to The Minstead Trust on 9th April from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Any other business

Jon Livingstone said that Wisley had planted 200,000 crocuses, ought we to tell them that our Club had planted about 250,000.00. Clive Collier asked if it was possible to have a second microphone – Mike Thorne reported that the Town Hall was looking to replace the existing system.

Meeting finished at 9.50 p.m.

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Club President

Notes of the Business Meeting of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test

Held at the Town Hall On Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Presiding: Stuart Wineberg

Presentation: A Presentation was given to Members of the new Walk The Test Way web site arrangements. **Sandy Dunn** introduced the new arrangements, in particular the increased levels of sponsorship and expressed appreciation for the great job due to the efforts of everyone.

Dave Healy referred to the past history of the web site. In 2017 the previous web company dropped out. In 2018 the previous web site was kept operational but at risk. This year a new system has been introduced at a cost of £7k. WIX as suggested by **Bill Gidley**, is being used for marketing information and Active Networks for registration. The aim with WIX is to attract walkers rather than charities. The whole system is designed to be more attractive and easier to use.

Steve Beasley gave a demonstration of the new system and outlined the advantages thereof.

Members thanked Sandy, Dave and Steve for the presentation which was much appreciated.

Apologies: There were quite a few apologies.

Guests/Visitors: None

Correspondence: **Andrew Crowley** had sent greetings from the Rotary Club of Takapuna wishing all the best to those in Romsey Test.

David Upton has resigned from the Club as the result of an increasing workload and the demands of ageing parents. He had a very enjoyable time in the Club and remains keen to assist with Walk The Test Way.

Councillor Ian Carr MBE Mayor of Test Valley has invited Members to his Mayor's Ball which is being held on Saturday 4th May, 7pm until late at the newly reopened, refurbished Army Flying Museum, Middle Wallop Hants SO20 8DY. There will be a four course dinner with dancing to 'Vintage'. Tickets £55 per person from Sharongoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk.

Club Treasurer: **Nick Bellamy** reported that at the end of March, we had £10,200 in the bank allowing for unpaid bills. In addition the account held a positive balance of £3,600 on member's dinner accounts.

Nick thanked Members that all duties both marshalling and testing on Blood Pressure day were now filled.

Trust Fund Treasurer: **Graham Hollier** had circulated all Members by email, of details of what funds were still available for charitable spending.

Club Service: **Bill Gidley** reported that a donation of £400 had been received in respect of the Technical Tournament.

Communications:

Keith Cameron reported that:

- The difficulties of contacting the Romsey Advertiser with their changing staff.
- The website has been updated.
- The updating of the Club's Facebook site has paused but will resume soon.
- A Newsletter will be issued soon.
- As a part of the Vision of Promoting the Club the Committee value the provision of Minutes of each week's meeting.
- Consideration is being given to the provision of paperwork or pamphlets for new Members,
- Rotary events should be publicised as Rotary... eg Rotary Mayor's Picnic

Membership:

Steve George noted that **Nigel Budd** has now joined us. Steve thanked **Clive Collier** for introducing him to the Club.

Steve reported that **Shaun O'Brien** is keen and has been coming along for 4 events so far and would be attending Know Your Blood Pressure day. It is hoped to issue a 10-Day notice as soon as possible.

Charlie Brett has been along to one speaker meeting and appeared to enjoy the event. Charlie will be invited to the next series of meetings and has expressed a real interest to join. Initial signs are good and we should all ensure he is welcomed when next coming along to a meeting.

Another potential new Member will attend the next meeting.

Clive Collier suggested that potential Members could be permitted to attend Business Meetings. Several Members expressed support for this in principal although there was concern with regard to any controversial issues that may be raised from Council. The meeting agreed that potential Members could attend Business Meetings subject to care as to any controversial issues.

Fund Raising:

Sandy Dunn reported that it appears that the End Polio Now project at Hilliers will raise around £600 net of expenses for the campaign. Our project team will meet with representatives from Hilliers to discuss the outcomes from this project and suggest improvements for the 2020 flowering season. This was year 1 of a minimum of a 5 year commitment and in many respects can be viewed as a pilot.

Sandy noted that a large proportion (£500) of the £600 had been pledged against one of the paintings produced by a local artist. The face value of the painting was £200 and unless anyone is able to raise more than this amount it is suggested that we accept the offer. Sandy was the person who made the pledge so it was being left to the meeting to make the decision if this

transaction should proceed to avoid any conflict of interest. The meeting agreed with no objections that the Club should accept this pledge.

Community Service:

Foundation: **Tony Trowsdale** had distributed several PeaceJam catalogues about the recent Winchester event, around the meeting. These were for Members to take home and read.

International: **Phillip Kirkland** reported that at the last meeting a donation for a Shelterbox for cyclone damage had been agreed and this had now been paid.

Phillip also informed Members that the Club would be giving a donation of £100 to be made to the scout project in Uganda.

Youth Opportunities: It was reported that a group of 4 Rotarians+ Barbara Stuckey made the journey to Taunton on 30th March to support the Romsey School team at the Regional final of Youth Speaks. Unfortunately the team was not successful in entering the National finals to be held in Nottingham on 12 May. The teacher (Kitty Love) and parents of the girls were all appreciative of our support.

Sports and Social: **Tony Abbott** reported that a request had been received for marshalling at the Beggars Fair on 13 July. This would be for 1 hour slots, providing information and selling programmes. A Commitment Sheet will be issued by email.

President: **Peter Stuckey** reported that the sum previously agreed to be donated to flooring for Mr and Mrs Searle was £700. The work is about to take place and may be free so saving the agreed sum.

All other money voted for last month had been distributed.

The Romsey Abbey School nurture room is nearly complete and may come in under budget.

Last month Council considered proposals that came to from Nikki Jones about like skills classes and added their strong support. Contingency of £750 to underwrite these will be required in next year's accounts. The meeting agreed to this.

Almoner: Nothing to report

Clubs Visited: Nothing to report

AOB: **Roger Shepherd** advised Members that the Annual General Meeting would take place on Wednesday 1st May. He will give notice of this to Members, along with an Agenda. An additional item for this year will be the election of a Junior Vice President and a nomination form for this will be included with the notice.

Nigel Budd will take over responsibility for the raffle from the next meeting.

Keith Cameron reported that Dentaid are moving their headquarters and the gazebo which is kept at their present site will need a new home. Keith will approach Members with potential storage space.

Bill Gidley had received information on the Rotary Fellowship Exchange (Bandey-Hafler Fellowship). American exchange visitors will be here from 20th Sept to 1st Oct and typically they are accommodated by Rotarians for a couple of days. The Americans will be from Massachusetts. A return visit is planned for 2021. He had been informed that the return is guaranteed this time, after problems arising in the past. An email will be sent to Members to assess interest.

Next Meeting:

10th April - Breakfast meeting 7.45 for 8am. **Bill Gidley** will report on the Technology Tournament. Cromwell Arms

17th April - Romsey Town Hall - Court Room 7.00 for 7.30pm. Liam Stapleton:
From Stroke to Marathon