

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- COUNCIL MEETING

2 OCTOBER 2019

Attendees

Bill Gidley - Chair
Keith Cameron
Clive Collier
Brian Davies
Sandy Dunn
Steve George
Gren Lamb-Hughes
Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Stewart Mitchell
Bryan Rickett
Roger Shepherd
Iain Small
Stuart Wineberg

Apologies

Nick Bellamy
Graham Hollier
Peter Stuckey

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Signed by the Chair.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill supported retaining ROR and the Mayor's Picnic whilst able to fulfil. Clive and other members of Council agreed.

Sandy advised to look and plan now for four years ahead. Important to look outside the Club and build links with groups or partner organisations in advance, that will be able to help with these events. Clive referred to Test Valley Community Services.

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 attached report.

3.2 TRUST FUND TREASURER

As attached report, plus Brian Davies has the chequebook for any payments whilst Graham is away.

3.3 CLUB SERVICE

Agreed to establish a Working Group re catering. Bryan will establish the group and aim to progress report for December Council and Business meetings. This is unlikely to be sooner as need to establish the group first.

Fellowship evenings will move to The Phoenix. .

3.4 COMMUNICATIONS

As attached report.

3.5 MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

As attached report, also Iain will discuss full membership with Jamie on conclusion of Associate period.

Clive will liaise with Nicki Jones regarding Joe Billett intentions and engagement.

3.6 FUNDRAISING

Sandy advised 500 walkers and £25k already banked. Greater proportion of walkers for RCoRT than in previous years. Likely to have good coverage in Romsey Advertiser.

Definite commitment to £1m WTTW fundraising by next year.

Agreed recommendation for Parkinson's collection March/ April 2020.

3.7 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Apologies received ahead of the meeting.

3.8 FOUNDATION.

As report. Council also supported need for greater presence of Rotarians at Hilliers when crocuses flower next Spring.

World Polio Day is 24 October. The Abbey will be lit up.

3.9 INTERNATIONAL

As attached report. Gren also advised Christmas Pudding orders will be sought at the meeting.

3.10 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

As attached report.

3.11 SPORTS & SOCIAL

New management in place at The White Horse. Dec 11 event still reserved with this venue.

Team for the January Review is coming together.

3.12 SECRETARY

JRL will issue SGM notice for 6 November Business Meeting.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date

REPORTS CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

CLUB TREASURER

At the end of September the Club had in its account **£10,000** after making allowances for unpaid bills, In addition the account held a **£1,700** positive balance on members dinner accounts.

Nick

TRUST FUND TREASURER

Report attached [in Appendix - sent to all active members of the RCoRT].

I will not be at the Council Meeting on October 2nd or the club meeting of October 9th hence the early circulation of the accounts reconciled up to 24th September. This gives adequate time for me to respond to any questions or queries should there be any before Council meet.

Notes on the accounts:-

1. The account is in balance with the adjusted cash available figure of £25.859
2. Of budgeted funds available at the start of the year of £19,257, £17,395 remains available
3. For distribution of funds please refer to the Financial Management Report attached.
4. The sum of £2,515 is shown uncommitted funds
5. Large payments for the month include:-
 1. £271 Kids Out Pantomime
 2. £500 Donation Hurricane Dorian
 3. £500 Shelterbox Hurricane Dorian
 4. Out of 38 people making voluntary contributions to Foundation, 27 members have now switched to an annual payment which is a substantial help. Statement now down to 1 A4 page instead of 3. (This saves 297 statement entries in the year, in no logical order to be checked)

Graham

CLUB SERVICE - VICE PRESIDENT

As you will be aware the subject of food quality has been raised. Others will know better than me the issues around finding a new supplier, venue or meal format, nonetheless we have requested ideas from members and a good few have been received to date.

I have a meeting booked with the Olive Tree (now that Ali has returned from leave), we will discuss the food standards and option from them. I do not anticipate a satisfactory outcome but we need to be clear with them, not least because we need them to continue serving us food until we have completed our search for good alternatives (and there may be none).

I suggest that we form a small sub group to look into the options and come back to the club with recommendations for trial/adoption. I caution against a full club debate until the options have been narrowed down!

In the interim the following quick fixes may be worth trying

1. I will provide members that request it our menus for the coming weeks, giving you the option to meal apologise when the food doesn't suit you.

2. On meetings where we anticipate significant numbers of guests we should ask for a more expensive menu (of better quality)
3. We could offer to help serve the vegetables, or move to a hot buffet arrangement.

Thanks
Bryan

COMMUNICATIONS

Walk the Test Way has been the main interest this month. Sandy had an interview with the Romsey Advertiser which was reported in the paper.

Thank you for those giving me feedback on coverage in other publications. The Herald and Courier have now had several articles covering it. There was also some coverage in the local village magazines from Andover and areas around Romsey.

Shaun has entered club news on Facebook. Steve is pulling material together on the youth front and we hope that over the next month we can focus on the Club's Youth activities with an article for the Advertiser as well as drip-feeding things into Facebook.

We have tried to get something in the District Newsletter on our Polio+ project but they are proving impossible to communicate with, refusing to give any contact details except a name!

I hope that we can start collecting photos of activities and get them loaded onto our site so that we will be able to use them for future events.

I am pleased to report that our Club sail flags had a good airing on Sunday.

Keith Cameron, Chair Comms Team 30th September 2019

Keith

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

The Membership and Recruitment team met recently and decided that one of our agenda items was worth sharing with the Club, namely "Key Attributes of a New Member". Much of what we came up with was obvious and straightforward but we felt that it would be useful to document our thoughts to try and ensure that when potential new Members are approached we have considered the relevant factors. I list below our conclusions. This is of course an "ideal" list and not all of us tick all the boxes!

New Member Attributes

1. Active Involvement- willing and able to make a contribution to the Club, factors might include availability, fitness and commitment level.
2. Able to afford the true full cost **and** time of Rotary Membership.
3. Interested in supporting the local community, as well as exhibiting a broader world view eg appreciating the wider role of Rotary.
4. Having the potential and willingness to carry out a senior role within the Club eg Committee Chair or Club Officer.

We also felt that we should not push any prospective Member too hard and they should really want to join and be fully committed.

I am of course happy to answer questions, and listen to any thoughts, that you may have. I shall be at the Business Meeting next week.

Regards, Iain

FUNDRAISING

I've already sent a note of thanks to club members and volunteers who helped plan and execute an excellent Walk the Test Way fundraiser on Sunday.

Too early to determine the final outcome for the amount of money raised for charities, including our trust fund but Brian will update the meeting on Wednesday and regularly thereafter until we know the final number around the end of this year.

I'd like to test the appetite of council and club members for a street collection in Romsey in aid of Parkinson's UK to be staged in March/April 2020. Also, I have been asked to place 20 collection tins for Parkinson's in suitable sites in Romsey & Wellow and would like to ask for volunteers to undertake the task.

Best regards,
Sandy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

No Community Service meetings this month.

Peter

FOUNDATION

We still plan to have our main fund raiser in Jan /Feb when the Crocus flower. We are planning to have a bigger presence at The Arboretum, so would like to ask for assistance from the club membership for raising awareness of End Polio now campaign and to raise funds for it. We will be having a meeting with Hilliers in November to discuss the arrangements for the February event.

I will discuss the scheduling of a major End Polio fund raising event in Jan/Feb 2021 with Brian Rickett as it will be in his year. It will not be a partners evening, but a community wide event, including Rotary District. It would be good if we can keep time clear in our club schedule for this. This is part of trying to use our connection with Hilliers to best advantage for the club as a whole.

With this in mind, I am asking that other committees look at any possibilities where they could hook into this opportunity. Please contact either Sandy or myself. It should not just be for Foundation or fund raising. For instance could Youth in Romsey have a connection to encourage gardening for young people via our Youth Opportunities.

I've sent in a full District Grant Application to support Peace Jam in March 2020 I've still not yet heard of any outcome. I'll try to get an answer before the council meeting.

I will liaise with Steve regarding the inclusion of junior schools

Regards

Stewart

INTERNATIONAL

School in Nepal

It has been agreed that it is possible and valid for Gift Aid to be added to donations given by the Club to the school in Nepal.

It has not yet been possible to establish sufficient detail regarding the future work and cost requirements for the school such that structured support can be put in place. Work is continuing and I am in contact with the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu.

Mary's Meals

A donation of £250, in International's approved budget for October, has been sent to Mary's Meals.

Disaster Relief

Donations totalling £1000 have been given to support Hurricane Dorian relief work as follows:

- a. £500, in the International Committee's approved budget for Disaster Relief for October 2019, to the District 6990 relief project.
- b. £500, financed from the surplus of uncommitted funds in the Trust Fund account to Shelterbox.

The donations were supported by Club Members and approved by the Trustees in September.

Gren

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth in Romsey - We now have some pictures from the event showing the children in their Rotary Kids Out caps. We are looking to publish this in Rotary magazine or other medium.

D4Life - The first Dictionaries, fully prepped, stamped and ready to go, will be delivered to a school assembly on October 8th with others during w/c October 14th. Stuart is understudy to Tony T who will hand over the reigns next year.

Youth Speaks - Proposed date for local competition Thursday January 16th.

We have contacted Romsey, Mountbatten, Test Valley and Embley and Chris Nixon from Soton Magna has contacted Oasis, Sholing, Woodlands and Hamble schools.

Technology Tournament - Currently Martin Harman is liaising with the participating schools and will call upon rotarians when help is needed.

The Young Writer idea has been pulled for this year.

Steve

SPORTS & SOCIAL

Nothing to say other than the (temp) closure of the White Horse is causing concern over our Dec 11 booking. Investigating possible alternative venues just in case.

Clive

SECRETARY

I will advise members next week that we will be holding the SGM the following month as part of the November Business Meeting.

Many thanks, Jon

TOTAL OF COMMITTED FUNDS				22,749
TOTAL UNCOMMITTED FUNDS				2,515

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts are prepared under the Receipts & Payments system of
Accounting as approved by the Charity
Commission for charities with a turnover of less than £250k

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WELCOME AND GRACE

Bill welcomed members and provided grace.

TOASTS

Bill delivered the Loyal Toast.

SECRETARY

Jon advised Members of the thank you received from Shelterbox, for the Club's recent donation.

Thank you card also received from Matthew Jones who the Club sponsored for the Scout Jamboree in North America. David Sutton attended a previous Jamboree some years ago in Sutton Coldfield. Greg Hall was lucky enough to attend in Australia.

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TRUST FUND TREASURER

Graham previously circulated up to date accounts, with a healthy position; no enquiries received.

Brian Davies has the cheque book for any payments whilst Graham is away.

CLUB SERVICE

Agreed to establish a Working Group re catering. Bryan will seek to provide a direction next month and action after Christmas.

Paul Grainger described the food at the Partner's WTTW briefing as a game changer.

Fellowship evenings will move to The Phoenix.

COMMUNICATIONS

Keith shared Clive's link between rural agriculture and marshalling for WTTW - don't ask.

Coverage for WTTW in Romsey Advertiser likely to be full page.

Shaun helping with Facebook and other digital profile.

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Iain shared the ideal membership criteria which were strongly endorsed.

FUNDRAISING

Bill gave appropriate praise and thanks for all involved in the highly successful WTTW.

Sandy advised 500 walkers and £25k banked already. Coverage in Romsey Advertiser likely as above.

WTTW 2020 is 27 September 2020.

Sandy proposed and Brian Davies seconded a Parkinson's flag day in March or April 2020; passed by all.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

No meetings this month.

FOUNDATION

Stewart informed that World Polio Day is 24 October. The Abbey will be lit in purple for polio.

Next year Polio flowering support in February will be higher profile than before. Positive show of hands for members to be at Hilliers during this period. Commitment sheet to be provided by Stewart following meeting with Hilliers.

Public event also being planned for 2021, with Hilliers.

Peace Jam date is 14 March 2020. Junior Schools also will be invited to be involved.

INTERNATIONAL

£250 has been paid to Mary's Meals.

£1,000 for Hurricane Dorian has been distributed - £500 to Shelterbox and £500 to Rotary Club of Bahamas.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Steve advised we now have pictures of the YIR holiday sponsorship.

Tony Trowsdale has already this morning circulated dates to help present Dictionaries4Life.

Youth Speaks - initial contacts made with eight secondary schools.

Technology Tournament 4 March 2020 on track.

SPORTS & SOCIAL

New management in place at The White Horse. Dec 11 Christmas event still reserved with this venue.

John Whitham sought interest for a Tractor and Trailer tour of Leckford Estates 29 April 2020. Positive response. John will progress.

ALMONER

No updates this month.

CLUBS VISITED

Stuart Wineberg shared flags from Boston USA and nearby Club following the Bandey Hefler exchange.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill advised to wish retain ROR and the Mayor's Picnic whilst able to fulfil, following discussion at Council.

Bill also thanked Nigel Budd who will organise the stalls for ROR next July and received a round of applause.

Sandy advised the Club to look and plan now for four years ahead. Important to look outside the Club and build links with groups or partner organisations in advance, that will be able to help with these events.

Noted that date for ROR comes at a very busy time of the year. Alternative dates may be appropriate in 2021.

AOB

Tony Abbott requested return of any spare water bottles from WTTW.

Jon shared the thanks letter received from 7 walkers from St. Mary Bourne of Romsey and Chandlers Ford Round Table.

Their Romsey Beer and Cider Festival is at Crosfield Hall 1st/2nd November. Members are invited to attend with Jon on the evening of Friday 1 November. Likely time 7.00 p.m. to be confirmed.

Bill welcomed Neil Duncan's return.

RAFFLE

Conducted admirably by Shaun.

NEXT WEEK

Breakfast meeting, Cromwells - update on Dentaaid.

FINAL TOAST

Rotary Peace and Fellowship the World Over.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President
Date