

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022**

**ATTENDEES**

Roger Shepherd - President\*  
Nick Bellamy\*  
Nigel Budd\*  
Clive Collier  
Brian Davies\*  
Steve George  
Graham Hollier\*  
+ Bill Gidley, John Gould  
Kerry Daley, Apology

Ed Holmes  
Nikki Jones  
Gren Lamb-Hughes  
Jon Livingstone – Secretary\*  
Stewart Mitchell  
Bryan Rickett  
Peter Welsh

\* = Trust Fund Trustees

1. **CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Circulated in advance of the meeting, plus as follows:

**Club Treasurer and Reminiscences of Romsey**

Nick advised pp re change of bank and will keep Council and members informed.

**Trust Fund Treasurer**

As report.

**Club Service**

Nothing to report.

**Communications**

Peter welcomed Kerry to this role.

**Membership**

Bryan: Shaun reinstated as a member. Please make him welcome.

Nigel mentioned David Maslen also a prospective who has expressed a desire to join.

**Fundraising**

Walk The Test Way - important to continue to spread the word.

**Community**

Council supported donations within Nikki's report. These are:

- Romsey Young Carers, Nikki recommended £750. £550 if members can assist with IT laptop refresh
- Baby Necessities, £1,000

These sums are from current year budgets.

Council also supported Nick's proposal for:

- £250 donation to Rainbow Foundation.

Also from present year unallocated budget.

See also **Trustees** below.

**Foundation**

As report.

## **International**

Nothing to report.

## **Youth**

Steve has two dates (three days) to assist Romsey and Mountbatten schools and will invite volunteers in the Business meeting.

## **Sports & Social - Handover Meeting 29 June**

Agreed to invite Past members/ Prospective members in Rotary in the Community group/ Romsey Rotary Club members to this event.

- Nikki will provide names and email addresses to Clive for Rotary in the Community
- Ed for Romsey Rotary Club.

## **2. PRESIDENT**

### **Honorary Membership**

All in favour to recommend awarding John Burgess Honorary Membership. Agreed to retain two-thirds majority within present CSOs.

### **Romsey Rotary Club - Relay Marathon**

A positive discussion regarding how to progress re Relay Marathon. The consensus was to run next year, as is, with the existing team and consider for forthcoming years.

Ed will arrange a meeting with Charlie, involve Nigel, Bill, Ron as appropriate. Set out the approach and finances for the benefit of RRC Trustees also for RCORT understanding and approval.

Jon suggested could invite Charlie to join Council for the Relay Marathon given the scale of the event, whilst we learn more.

### **LTVAS Archive**

John's paper strongly supported. John will share at Business meeting to follow.

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## **Trustees**

Confirmation the Trust Fund Trustees approved the donations referred to above, from 2021/ 22 existing year budgets:

- Romsey Young Carers, up to £550 or £750 - lower sum if members can assist with IT laptop refresh \*
- Baby Necessities, £1,000
- Rainbow Foundation, £250

[ \* proposal as amended, 'up to £750', at Business meeting following Council; with John Jones also present ]

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST**

**ASSEMBLY**

**7.30 WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022**

**3. WELCOME**

Roger welcomed 35 members also guests: Cecil Rose, Assistant District Governor; and Sue Bakewell, Fi Cooke, Jackie Taphouse and Bryan Taphouse, members of Romsey Rotary Club.

**4. ASSEMBLY**

Roger invited Jon to coordinate the Assembly.

Key points were shared by Club Officers and Committee Chairs for next year. These are largely contained within the reports attached with these minutes.

I have included further discussions and additional points, in the minutes below.

**Club Treasurer**

As Nick's report. Club Finances are in good health. Subs excluding meals and social event costs maintained at £10 a month for next year.

Peter Stuckey thanked Nick for his considerable years as Club Treasurer, to general applause. Nick advised he was remaining involved together with Ron for some more months. This is to help with transfer arrangements to new bankers.

**Trust Fund Treasurer**

Largely as Graham's report, attached. Graham has included previous years alongside 2022/23 budgets. Graham was pleased to advise that 2022/23 budgets are consistent with pre-Covid levels.

**Communications**

Carried forward to July.

**Membership**

Carried forward to July

**Fundraising**

Brian Davies requested continued promotion and distribution of leaflets and posters, for a successful WTTW in September.

**Community Service**

Nikki's described proposals to support Romsey Young Carers and Baby Necessities, as in the attached report. Both were unanimously approved.

**Romsey Young Carers, up to £750**

Proposed: Nikki Jones

Seconded: Peter Stuckey

**Baby Necessities, £1,000**

Proposed: Nikki Jones  
Seconded: Nick Bellamy

These sums are from current year budgets.

Gren asked about plans for 2022/23. Nikki advised more of the same, with continued community support. Community Service budget next Rotary year is £6,680.

### **Foundation**

Bryan Rickett expressed his thanks to Stewart Mitchell having completed six years raising the profile of Foundation! Priorities for next year, as Bryan's report.

### **International**

Bill outlined proposed international projects for next year, and proposed budget £3,610, plus £1,000 Disaster Relief; total £4,610. This represents 25% of the 2022/23 budgets.

Interesting and valuable discussion about the appropriate level, following which the budget was confirmed as £4,610. Stewart: 'Rotary is Rotary *International*'. Similar strong support from Nigel and later on by ADG Cecil with personal experience of the results international projects can deliver, in Southern Africa.

### **International Budget 2022/23, £4,610**

Proposed: Bill Gidley  
Seconded: David Sutton

Unanimously confirmed.

### **Youth**

Steve was pleased greater numbers on Youth Committee this year and shared the wide range of activities in his report.

### **Sports and Social**

Clive Collier advised that the Handover meeting is 29 June. Clive is inviting ex-members and shall be very pleased to invite members of Romsey Rotary Club to this event.

Clive and Ed will liaise to provide Clive with the email addresses; also Nikki for Community Group.

### **Nigel Budd - Incoming President 2022/23**

Nigel particularly welcomed members from Romsey Rotary Club!

He thanked Committee Chairs and Club Officers for this year, including those standing down.

Nigel appreciated the new Officers and Chairs who have stepped forward and wished all a successful Rotary year ahead.

## **5. ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Roger invited Cecil to respond and provide his thoughts. In a very impressive and well-informed response Cecil made a number of observations. These included:

- His sadness regarding any Rotary Club closing and confidence nonetheless in continued involvement of many members joining Romsey Test
- Right in his view for Community Service to have the biggest budget
- International - ability to make a significant difference to lives, based on his own personal experience
- Youth - importance to invest in young people; their opportunities, confidence and future

- Remember District and Global grants as a source of funding.

Cecil congratulated Roger and was impressed with the plans and what he had heard and wished all continued success together.

## 6. **BRYAN TAPHOUSE**

Bryan told a very amusing joke about a chess grandmaster at a table with a chequered tablecloth, 'taking an hour to pass the salt'.

He referred to the history of Romsey Rotary Club and that Lord Louis Mountbatten had been a founder member in 1948.

Bryan expressed the firm desire that Carols in the Marketplace (dating back to the 1950s) and Songs of Praise (more recent, started in the last two years) remain as Rotary events. I'm sure this will be happen.

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**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY**

1. **BUSINESS MEETING**

The Assembly was followed by brisk Business meeting. The following were discussed.

**Club Treasurer - Rainbow Foundation**

Nick spoke concerning the Rainbow Foundation. Members have supported this excellent charity, which also benefits member John Jones, for many years. We have not yet supported the charity this year. Nick recommended a £250 donation which was confirmed by all present.

**Rainbow Foundation Charity, £250**

Proposed: Nick Bellamy

Seconded: Brian Davies

Unanimously confirmed.

**Membership**

Bryan Rickett advised that Shaun O'Brien is reinstated as a member and we look forward to welcoming him to forthcoming meetings.

**Mayor's Picnic**

Brian Davies reminded all present of the date, Sunday 3 July, which is approaching soon and Peter Hurst will welcome all those able to help on this day.

**Youth**

Steve inviting volunteers to assist with:

- Romsey School Enterprise project                      28 and 29 June
- Mountbatten School mock interviews                13 July

Please contact Steve.

**Secretary**

Jon/ I had received no comments from members on the revised Club Standing Orders and will arrange for these to be updated on the Club site. The two thirds majority is to be retained for election of Honorary members as requested by Council.

I wish to thank Gren Lamb-Hughes, Clive Collier, Bill Gidley and Stuart Wineberg for their comments and guidance, helping with these over recent months.

2. **ALMONER**

Ian Bullivant has had a coffee with Philip Kirkland. Philip was pleased to see Ian and welcomes seeing members. Philip requested Ian pass on his greetings to all!

3. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Roger advised that Nigel was no longer re-joining the naval reserve in July and Roger was therefore stepping down 30 June, in the usual way.

Martin Harman has requested an extension to his leave of absence for health reasons. Roger has since confirmed this. Martin may attend the Mayor's Picnic, if health permits.

Roger was pleased to advise that discussions are ongoing regarding members transferring from Romsey Rotary Club to continue within Rotary.

There was discussion regarding the proposal to award an Honorary Membership to a Past President and Paul Harris Fellow active in the Romsey community. Clive Collier indicated that this was an exceptional award not given lightly. It was agreed that the proposed recipient was an unreservedly ideal candidate. President will consider how and when to make and communicate the award.

### **Club History - LTVAS**

John Gould provided an outline of the proposal that he has agreed with Council and LTVAS for historic Rotary records to be held by the LTVAS, based in Romsey Town Hall. John outlined items which this will include. At the heart of this is the scrapbooks Brian Stokes kept, whilst responsible for Club PR, which are of additional value.

Paul Grainger offered John a USB with many more records.

John indicated this could be the location for records of both Romsey Rotary Clubs, which will be very appropriate.

### **4. NEXT MEETINGS**

Date	Committee	Event	Speaker	Speaker Reception	Room Prep & Grace	Room Prep	Minute Taker
Wed 15 Jun 22	Fundraising	Lessons from Everest - going to extremes to understand critical illness. - Royal British Legion	Andrew Cumpstey	David Sutton	Peter Stuckey	Michael Thorne	Peter Welsh
Wed 22 Jun 22	Comm Service	- Youth in Romsey, Southampton Road, Romsey SO51 8AF					John Whitham
Wed 29 Jun 22	Social & Sporting	Presidents hand-over evening The Stables, White Horse, Romsey					