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Subject: A quick report of our meeting on Wednesday 15/6/2020

On Wednesday night we held a speakers evening via Zoom, apart from the better food and cheaper beer, the atmosphere was very similar to an old fashioned physical Rotary meeting. Osman Sen ChadIn, Oz for short, our speaker, gave a very interesting talk about Romsey Local Radio, "Lockdown Radio" which he has largely self funded and now has a large number of volunteers who produce a popular mix of music and covid related information content that has a wide listener base in Romsey and surrounding villages.

Having recently been granted an extension to his very expensive OFCOM licence, he has set up a not for profit company and is about to apply for a permanent licence to continue his local community radio project.

There was a good range of questions from the club and then Shaun (who found Osman and persuaded him to speak) gave a vote of thanks.

Peter Welsh suggested that our speaker's organisation should be given a donation by the club. There seemed to be general approval. I offered to ask Nikki and the community service committee to consider this as a formal request and come to the club with a recommendation.

On other matters.

Brian Davies gave an update on the funds raised from the "alternative" walk, some £18.7 K has been raised for charities so far, a great result with some time to run.

Paul Grainger, asked whether there was any plan to restart meetings in the Town Hall. I reported that, given the club's average age we will be very cautious, the Town Hall have not suggested that the time is right and our caterer was asked for ideas on social distanced dining but none have been suggested yet.

Our next meeting will be a council meeting on 5th August, details to be issued by email. Followed by a meeting for the full club on the 19th, Clive and the sports and social committee are working on a topic. I ask members of the club to consider offering to provide talks or guest speakers to fill 3rd Wednesday slots into the future, please.

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Bryan