

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- COUNCIL MEETING

5 FEBRUARY 2020

Attendees

Bill Gidley - Chair
Nick Bellamy
Steve George
Gren Lamb-Hughes
Graham Hollier
Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Stewart Mitchell
Bryan Rickett
Roger Shepherd
Iain Small

Apologies

Keith Cameron
Clive Collier
Brian Davies
Sandy Dunn
Peter Stuckey
Stuart Wineberg

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Will be signed subsequently by the Chair.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS00

Bill provided an update on the music recognition awards. The award for Marion Maxey to be presented by John Gould on Bill's behalf at a 'Five Choirs' concert this week. Stuart Marchant's award will be made at the Mayor's Picnic.

Next steps on the review of the Meetings Schedule will be a survey in March with results in April. Bill advised to be progressed as strategy review focussed on the "health of the Club" rather than a vote.

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 report.

3.2 TRUST FUND TREASURER

Bill warmly welcomed Graham.

Graham advised the recent expenditure review had been helpful; releasing £1,500 of uncommitted funds and progressing £2k expenditure. Seek to avoid a forced pressure to spend in Q220. The Club may decide to carry forward funds to avoid this.

3.3 CLUB SERVICE

New caterers noted.

3.4 COMMUNICATIONS

As report.

3.5 MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

As report. Iain was pleased with the progress whilst in Australia.

3.6 FUNDRAISING

As report. The excellent outcome of WTTW 2019, will enable an £18k transfer to be made to the RCoRT Trust Fund. Well done and appreciation expressed to all.

3.7 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

As report. Plus advised the new proposal being developed with YIR likely to assist 25 to 30 families. N.b. The recommendation to assist with wheelchair to £500 was inadvertently NOT voted on in the subsequent Business Meeting.

3.8 FOUNDATION

As report. Planning for Crocus in Bloom February activity is progressing well. Reserve volunteers for the slots welcome. Stewart will brief at the breakfast meeting next week.

Stewart has an A-Board courtesy of District. Julian Gee assisting with marketing for 2021 reception plans.

3.9 INTERNATIONAL

As report. Additionally:

Gren outlined Committee plan to focus on fewer and more major initiatives in 20/21:

- > Disaster relief
- > Dentaïd
- > School in Nepal
- > Kenya/ Asante school tba.

Gren referred to the prior consensus that International was to be 20 to 25% of overall RCoRT budget. Likely to withdraw from Christmas pudding sales. Also support will be required to maintain ShoeBoxes activity whilst Martin Radford present organiser is away.

Gren advised a Dentaïd box funded by employee fundraising required transportation of c.£500. Bill encouraged Gren to progress a proposal for Club support.

3.10 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

As report. Steve advised planning going well for Technology Tournament with circa 20 teams likely.

Youth Speaks a successful event. Steve has followed up with thanks to the schools.

3.11 SPORTS & SOCIAL

As report.

3.12 SECRETARY

As report.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President
Date

REPORTS CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

CLUB TREASURER

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Rotary Know your Blood Pressure Day is normally held in April and we register for the event in December. In spite of numerous phone calls to RIBI and the Stroke Association until recently the only response was that they hadn't decided a date for this year. To cut a long story short the Stroke Association are no longer going to support a separate RKYBPD and the title RKYBPD will disappear. They have allocated Friday 15 May for their Stroke Prevention Day as part of their Make May Purple (MMP) campaign.

Their new approach is

- The event will be called Stroke Prevention Day- or something similar.
- KYBP/SPD is appropriate when Stroke Prevention is the primary aim.
- KYBP/SPD should be targeted at an at-risk group (BAME, socioeconomically deprived, long term health condition).
- It must be held in an appropriate setting (quiet and confidential space to take blood pressure and give advice, with no pressure to have blood pressure taken).

For this year the existing forms and paperwork will still be in use but for next year there will be changes. In particular I gather that advice will be given. Currently the testers do not give medical advice merely state beyond certain readings that a GP appointment would be sensible. Details of how the Stoke Association envisage how we will carry this out will become available later this year. In the meantime this year we will hold KYBPD on **Saturday 9th May** as a Friday (15 May) is inappropriate for our current approach and Saturday 16 is the day before we support for the other Club's Relay Run.

Nick

TRUST FUND TREASURER

Graham has sent the Financial Management Report reconciled to 30th January 2020 to all members with the following covering message:

'I have taken into account by debiting the appropriate cost centres, the £500 supporting Marion Moxey and £500 supporting Stuart Marchant. Just need to add transaction details but the money has been accounted for.

Taking all known planned expenditure into account, we have a surplus of uncommitted funds of £2,993.

Any questions or queries, it would be helpful to have these before next Wednesday's meeting to enable me to give a considered response and save time on the day.'

Graham

CLUB SERVICE - VICE PRESIDENT

Nothing further to report.

Bryan

COMMUNICATIONS

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Keith Cameron, Chair Comms Team 3rd February 2020

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MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

As Jon mentioned we have 2 people seriously interested in our Club and planning further attendances, ie John Brinton and Ian Catley.

Paul Barker of Asante is due back from a long trip overseas and will be contacted soon.

Jaime Garner similarly is due back in Romsey this month and needs to be followed up regarding her plans.

I believe that in my absence we have had another couple of visitors, any details/information welcome.

Iain

FUNDRAISING

Work on planning for this year's event continues despite the UK leaving the EU on the 31st January!

Having finalised the income and expenses from the 2019 walk, the committee has recommended a transfer of £18,000 to the club's trust fund account at the beginning of the next Rotary year. Walk treasurer Brian will arrange for the transfer. Accumulated total now raised by our combined efforts is now £954,000 so our target to reach £1m is well within our reach this year. Some headlines from this year - 491 walkers took part, average amount raised per walker was £170, highest ever and 75% of all funds raised came through just Giving, highest ever.

The walk website and registration system will be updated and made live for registrations 1st March. Email re-solicitation of previous year's walkers and local PR will support initial drive for registrations.

Marketing leaflets and posters will be designed and printed by the end of March. As usual members will be asked for their support to obtain the widest possible audience reach.

Stuart Wineberg is leading a sub-group focussed on generating registrations from companies. This is a much more focussed and targeted campaign than our traditional marketing and will include the development of its own leaflet and a short video highlighting the benefits to companies and employees of taking part in the walk. Routes to this market requires a list of target companies and ideally an introduction. Club members may be able to assist.

I am pleased to report that all the time slots on all of the days when we are fundraising at Hilliers have been filled by our members and lunchtime club members. Stewart and Keith Cameron have done a brilliant job in preparing the marketing and display-stand material for this.

Further information about the Parkinson's UK street collection at the end of May will be issued nearer the time.

Sandy

WTTW

Cheques have been sent to 85 charities totalling some £59,000.

We are still receiving small amounts of sponsorship and final cheques for 2019 Walk will be sent next week.

Sandy will no doubt advise you of the amount agreed at meeting this week to transfer to the Club.

Brian

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have spent only £225 this year and have £4525 available according to the Treasurer.

RIBI sent us a proposal to help Georgina Barton whose daughter has Niemann-Pick (NP) disease which leaves her virtually paralysed. A specialised wheelchair is requested. The proposal is supported by the NP association and was sent to us as they lived in Stockbridge. When researching, we find they live in Winchester and Rotary Winchester have offered £500 towards the project. We support paying £500 leaving the project to find £142, which parents can afford and may anyway be covered by NP reclaiming VAT.

Clive Collier asked us to consider giving regular money to a local lady who saves hedgehogs. The lady comes from a comfortable family and we did not support the proposal

Tony Trowsdale asks that we consider installing Exit signs on toilet doors in public spaces to help those with dementia. We will investigate costs for next time.

The club ran a holiday week for disadvantaged local children last year and we have been progressing a more ambitious plan with Youth. Provisional costs for 4 days per week 0830-1300 have been produced by Youth in Romsey as a starting point. Cost is £5k+ and £4k for 3 days. Further discussions to be undertaken to see what cost would be for whole of normal school day. We are also to investigate parental contribution proposal.

Bill, Nikki and I visited Romsey Abbey School the previous week to see the room we had refurbished last year. A further project is being put together around £1500. Details next time.

Nick outlined changes re Blood Pressure Day which we agreed to continue this year.

Kids Out will be supported again. The club gives £300 to district funds and we invite Red Lodge School to take up to 30 children.

Peter

FOUNDATION

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I've had a Meeting to discuss details with Hillier's and they are on board to make this event better than last year.

More details will be forthcoming soon for those attending. Remember those on the schedule can bring a partner or colleague along as we can have up to 4 people on each shift. But they must be active in collecting and giving out information

Keith successfully got a grant for around £250 from District Promotional Fund, we have used this to purchase display materials.

Our team has already started to plan our Feb 2021 event.

My Planning for Peace Jam Continues but slowly.

I have to send the grant support to Romsey School. I'm about to give up on Mountbatten School. I've tried numerous times to get any sort of response, but to no avail.

Tony Trowsdale is setting up the new connection between Peace jam and our primary schools

There has to be a better way of forging a more workable relationship with our schools possibly with the management, not just individual teachers.

Stewart

INTERNATIONAL

School in Mulpani, Kathmandu, Nepal

1. After the Club approved a donation of £1100 to pay for the ceiling work at the school, I requested that:

a. The Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu advise:

1. When the funds should be transferred to their bank account?
2. The Swift Code of the bank?
3. The payment schedule to the contractor when it is agreed?

b. The School (Rainbow Volunteer Club):

1. Arrange for a series of photographs to be emailed to me regularly showing the progress of the ceiling work, starting with photographs before the work starts?
2. Advise whether it would be possible to have a small plaque somewhere on one of the walls of the school recognising that support had been given to the school by the Rotary Club of Romsey Test?

2. The Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu is currently in the process of agreeing an MOU with the Rainbow Volunteer Club and the building contractor. I anticipate when this is complete that the 3 questions will be answered.

3. The Rainbow Volunteer Club has agreed to:

- a. Provide photographs showing the progress of the ceiling work, with the first set before work has started already having been forwarded to Club members.
- b. Place a small plaque recognising support of Rotary Club of Romsey Test on one of the walls.

International Committee Meeting

4. The Committee are meeting on 4th February to have an initial discussion on International support in both 2019/20 and 2020/21: I will provide an oral update at the Council and Business meetings.

Gren

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

On January 16th we held the first round of the local heats for Youth Speaks. Two teams from Mountbatten and one from Romsey School. The event was a success with Romsey school winning the evening and they will now head to the group 5 round at Salisbury. Good luck. Thank you to all the Rotarians that helped and those that attended the evening, it was team effort.

I have contacted the respective teachers to advise them of other Rotary youth events that they may be interested in but have as yet not had any further discussion.

The next youth event is the Tech Tournament at the Crosfield Hall March 4th and Bill/Martin will give a brief update tonight.

Steve

SPORTS & SOCIAL

Nothing new to report. Plans for April proceed.

Won't be at meeting. Club Skittles match.

Clive

SECRETARY

- John Brinton is coming as prospective to the Business meeting next week. John and Ian Catley will be with us 19 February. Both are expressing encouraging level of interest to join RCoRT
- We have been advised District Conference 'Rotarians Connecting the Community' is in Weymouth 28/29 March
- National Conference 'Volunteer Expo' is at NEC Birmingham 1 to 3 May.

Jon

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WELCOME AND GRACE

Bill welcomed members and prospective guests John Brinton and Steve Simmons-Jacobs. Jim Purdie stepped in the breach to provide grace.

TOASTS

Bill delivered the Loyal Toast.

BUSINESS MEETING

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The Secretary shared letters received by Graham Hollier from charities, in response to members’ Christmas Giving in lieu of Christmas Cards. The donations are clearly appreciated.

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Graham expressed his personal thanks for the support he and the family have received and has subsequently sent an email to all Club members for the numerous cards and emails, friendship and support at this difficult time.

CLUB SERVICE

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INTERNATIONAL

Gren invited views whether to continue the sale of Christmas puddings for Cymbran Rotary Club charities. The consensus was that it is more effective and appropriate to raise funds directly for worthy causes, rather than in a circular manner collectively. Gren proposed discontinuing. Tony Trowsdale and others seconded. Vote carried to discontinue.

Gren sought support to maintain ShoeBoxes activity whilst Martin Radford the present organiser is away. Volunteers please contact Gren.

The International Committee have met and are clarifying proposals and approach for next year.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Steve advised planning going well for Technology Tournament on 4 March, with circa 20 teams likely. Up to 12 Rotarians will be invited to assist on the day. Steve will share a commitment sheet.

Youth Speaks on 16 January was a lovely and successful event won by the Romsey School team. Steve has followed up with thanks to the schools.

SPORTS & SOCIAL

Clive earlier reported that planning for the next Partners' evening in April is in hand. Clive was then representing the Club at Skittles.

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ALMONER

John Gould or Ian Bullivant will update the Club regarding Rex Trayhorne.

RAFFLE

Very fine 'Organic' wine raffle conducted by Shaun.

NEXT WEEK

Breakfast at Youth In Romsey 7.45 for 8.00 a.m.

FINAL TOAST

Rotary Peace and Fellowship the World Over.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date

