

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST
COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022

ATTENDEES

Nigel Budd - Presiding	Ed Holmes
Nick Bellamy	Nikki Jones
Brian Davies	Gren Lamb-Hughes
Steve George	Jon Livingstone – Secretary
Graham Hollier	Bryan Rickett

Apologies: Roger Shepherd, Stewart Mitchell, Clive Collier, Peter Welsh and Kerry Daley.

1. **CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Circulated in advance of the meeting, plus as follows:

Club Treasurer and Reminiscences of Romsey

At the end of February, after allowing for a due invoice, the Club has **£5,600** on its account and additionally members dinner accounts have an overall positive balance of £1,200.

Nick advised Reminiscences of Romsey proceeding well for 14 May. Nick is about to send the invitations. Catering may require a new approach this year. Nick will advise.

Trust Fund Treasurer

The Walk Fund will be transferring **£8,000** from the 2020/21 walk at the commencement of the next financial year in July. Graham recommended this will be fully applied to the next Rotary year. Also that if funds were required urgently, they could be transferred to the present year if needed.

All agreed.

Club Service

We have a potential speaker for Wednesday 23 March. At the Business Meeting to follow, Nigel will recommend 23 March is a speaker meeting at the RBL; the social drinks format having fallen by the wayside.

This discussion referred to the fourth Wednesday in March. Roger's general proposed approach for fourth Wednesdays going forward not discussed.

Communications

As Peter's report.

Membership

Discussion concerning Warren Clarke and Dawn's new business venture. Agreed this was not something we could help with. The location is in another county (Surrey?) and this is likely to be the family's priority for coming months. Dawn is in liaison with Nikki.

Fundraising

Walk The Test Way is progressing as planned.

Brian's meeting with Dentaaid revealed the dental need in Hampshire and IOW as both surprising and moving.

Community

Nikki was pleased with the first meeting of Rotary in the Community, some have already expressed interest in joining Rotary.

Nikki and Kerry are putting together a presentation with information about Rotary. Jon recommended the video on the RCORT Club site and John Gould will have further useful information.

<https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.org.uk/video>

Nikki gave further details regarding the proposed cub scouts donation for their camp 31 July to 4 August. Council agreed the Club donation for recommendation to members at the Business Meeting, be for those families unable to meet the cost of the camp, which is expected to be more than 10% of families.

The Rotary in the Community meeting suggested people dress up for Mayor's Picnic reflecting the 70 years Jubilee. Nikki will discuss with Peter Hirst.

Foundation

As Stewart's report.

International

Gren queried if Afghan appeal should be affected and potentially replaced by Ukraine. Council view was to proceed with recommendation the Club support the known Afghan appeal. Ukraine needs may follow later as these become clearer.

Youth

Extensive Youth activities are in Steve's report, also covered in the Business Meeting following. Steve aware the Technology Tournament is the day of Brian's funeral. Plans will cover this.

2. **AOB**

Nick raised the possibility of an increase to breakfast charges, to assist YIR, originally proposed by Peter Stuckey. Jon was aware Peter had withdrawn this idea. Nikki explained that YIR would also prefer not to charge more. RCORT ongoing support for YIR through Trust Fund preferred.

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - 7.30 WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022

1. WELCOME AND GRACE

Nigel Budd, chairing the meeting, spoke of the sad news of Brian Stokes' passing. Nigel requested a minute's silence and reflection from all present - and followed with the words "Brian, may you rest in peace."

Paul Grainger gave a grace relating to peace, touching on present events.

Nigel welcomed guest Charlie Daniel-Hobbs. Charlie was speaking later in the meeting regarding the Relay Marathon on May the first. More from Charlie later.

2. CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS

Circulated in advance of the meeting, plus as follows:

Secretary

Apologies received from Roger Shepherd with family in Dubai, Stewart Mitchell, Clive Collier, Peter Welsh and Kerry Daley; some Covid related also family and other commitments.

Club Treasurer and Reminiscences of Romsey

At the end of February, after allowing for a due invoice, the Club has **£5,600** on its account and additionally members dinner accounts have an overall positive balance of £1,200.

Nick advised Reminiscences of Romsey proceeding well for 14 May - our biggest event for older people in Romsey each year. There is an excellent programme for the event. Please put the date in your diaries.

Trust Fund Treasurer

Graham confirmed the Walk Fund will be transferring **£8,000** from the 2020/21 walk at the commencement of the next financial year in July.

Agreed this will be fully applied to the next Rotary year - as Graham's report prior to the meeting:

'If we take the funds set aside for 2022/23 of **£11,080** plus **£8k** from the Walk, gives a total of **£19,080** which would give us an amount similar to a pre-pandemic level of 2018/19 of **£19,904**. That would put us in a "business as usual". position for 2022/23.'

Club Service

We have a potential speaker for Wednesday 23 March. Nigel sought views if members would like to hold a speaker meeting at the RBL on this date, which was agreed.

Communications

As Peter's report: 'This month two main items have featured. The first was the presentation of a cheque to Youth in Romsey. This was noted in a posting on Facebook, though an attempt to get it published in the Romsey Advertiser did not succeed.'

The second was the Purple for Polio event held at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. We have posted a comment on this on our Facebook page, and also submitted an article for the District Newsletter.

I [Peter] have sent out a separate email about putting together an A3 display showing Countess Mountbatten's involvement with our Club. I don't think there is any consolidated information on this, so any snippet you might be able to contribute would be appreciated. Please email me [Peter].'

Peter would also welcome any photographs or information to help raise our profile that the Communications team can publish on Facebook and other media.

Membership

Nothing this month.

Fundraising

Walk The Test Way is progressing as planned.

Brian has had meetings with Naomi House and Jacks Place, Dentaid and due to meet up with Rose Road on Friday, discussing how local charities can get more involved in the Walk.

Brian advised the meetings had been very positive and he was surprised and moved by the extent of the need for dental treatment close to home, in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Community

From Nikki's report: 'We have been focusing on getting 'Rotary in the Community' up and running. We have had our first introduction evening and welcomed six new people on board. We have set a date for a formal meeting on Wednesday 23rd March. We're hoping to welcome more people and Kerry and I are working on a 'Rotary organisation' presentation. [John Gould may have information for this.] Several of the initial new members are interested in joining and becoming full paying Rotary members.'

John Gould asked if other members of Community Service had been included in the first meeting. Nikki advised not yet for the initial meeting and her intention is to increase links going forward.

Cub Scouts

Nikki gave further details regarding the proposed cub scouts £500 donation for their camp 31 July to 4 August. Following discussion at Council Nikki recommended the Club donation be for those families unable to meet the cost of the camp, which is expected to be more than 10% of families!

Nikki proposed, Stuart Wineberg seconded. All members were in favour.

Ukraine Donations

Nikki thanked all who had donated provisions for the Ukraine emergency.

Foundation

Stewart will provide a full update on Purple for Polio at the Hilliers following his return from holiday.

Keith Cameron gave an indication of the amount of work that Stewart puts in for Purple for Polio and wished people to be aware and this to be acknowledged.

International

As Gren's report: 'Over the last couple of years the Committee has not sought to include Disaster Relief funds in its budget but rather to bring deserving causes to the attention of Club members seeking their approval for a donation to that cause from uncommitted funds.'

A Club member has brought the International Committee's attention to the situation in Afghanistan which Gren summarised. On behalf of International Committee Gren recommended a donation of £500 through the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal towards the Afghanistan Disasters.

Gren proposed, Nigel seconded. All members were in favour.

Youth

Steve gave an update on two items in his report:

'Youth Speaks - Pleased to say Salisbury invited us to attend their Group 5 event on February 17th at Bishops Wordsworth School, Salisbury. Two teams, one from Mountbatten and one from Romsey attended. There was a high standard of debating but our teams failed to qualify for the next round. I have thanked Rosanna and Kitty for their involvement, hoping that they benefitted from the experience and would want to be involved again next year. Tony Abbott and Roger Shepherd represented Rotary Club of Romsey Test to support, thank you.

Tech Tournament - March 16 2022 - Organisation is progressing for this event. We are expecting teams from Mountbatten, Romsey and Test Valley schools together with 3 schools from Southampton. Steve Simmons-Jacobs is looking for commitments to resource the event on the day. Still expecting 18 teams at the moment.'

Steve Simmons-Jacobs plans to coordinate the arrangements for the event so Rotary members are able to be at Brian Stokes' funeral on the same day.

Jon asked if the challenge would be shared with members following. There will be videos taken on the day and Steve George and Steve Simmons-Jacobs will think about a way to share the task.

Sports & Social

John Whitham, for Clive, requested that we all respond to Clive regarding the partners evening 30 March at the British Legion.

3. ALMONER

Ian Bullivant was pleased to advise Philip Kirkland was in good form when they spoke. Philip is considering a possible move to Winchester to be closer to his daughter and family.

John Gould saw Sheila King who John advised had had a health incident recently and was now looking well.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mayor's Picnic - Nigel advised all proceeding well for the Mayor's Picnic on Sunday 3 July. Initial invitations have been sent for stalls and further invites to be sent this week.

Covid - Nigel advised that lateral flow tests would no longer be required for meetings as from 1 April. This follows the government announcements of a reduction in Covid measures and tests no longer free of charge from this date.

ZOOM Link - Mike Thorne advised that Graham Lee and David Sutton had joined the meeting on Zoom.

5. GUEST SPEAKER - CHARLIE DANIEL-HOBBS

Charlie gave a tour de force and thoroughly enjoyable talk concerning The Relay Marathon on 1 May.

Charlie shared that this was the room where he was inducted into Romsey Rotary 11 years before. The two clubs in Romsey are working together better as 'Rotary in Romsey' and can do more.

The time is to talk more about 'Service' - as Rotarians first rather than which club one is member of.

Charlie gave an outline of the Relay Marathon Ron Bowater is a key organiser, as is Bill.

Anyone who can help on the day, 1 May, please advise Ron. Ron will communicate further regarding the event.

It was an impressive talk; no notes; and some excellent messages!

6. **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 9 March: Breakfast at Youth in Romsey - the speaker is Mr Angus Steel, he is the MD of DAC Energy Limited a supplier of Air Source Heat pumps and installation systems. He has been asked if he could give us an insight into how heat pumps work, what are the benefits and the incentives that are available. Angus will be happy to answer any questions.

JRL : 4 March 2022

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