

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST- COUNCIL MEETING

4 MARCH 2020

Attendees

Bill Gidley - Chair
Nick Bellamy
Keith Cameron
Clive Collier
Steve George
Gren Lamb-Hughes
Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Stewart Mitchell
Bryan Rickett
Roger Shepherd
Iain Small
Peter Stuckey
Stuart Wineberg

Apologies

Brian Davies
Sandy Dunn
Graham Hollier

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL

Signed by the Chair.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Not on this occasion.

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

Finances as report.

Discussion re coronavirus and potential impact on ROR. Agreed not to defer ROR at this stage. Decision and any communications next week, based on latest numbers of cases and government guidance. If required, Nick will make recommendation to Bill as President.

3.2 TRUST FUND TREASURER

As report, Graham unable to attend at present.

3.3 CLUB SERVICE

As report, breakfast meetings will move to Youth In Romsey; excepting August and September, when another venue or alternative approach, such as trip to New Forest, will be required.

3.4 COMMUNICATIONS

As report.

3.5 MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

As report. Also:

Ian Catley now interviewed - very positive, although Ian has had to re-engage with business activities for one or two years, which may affect his capacity short-term.

Ian Bullivant establishing interest and level of engagement with John Brinton.

Iain Small will contact Jaime re present plans, linked to house search and possible location.

Iain will seek input to update the Friends of Rotary tab on the Club website.

Steve George to send Iain names of people to act as mentors for new joiners. Iain will recommend Committees for new joiners after a bedding in period.

Iain liaise with Keith and suggest how other tabs on the Club E-Mail site are reviewed; possibly also involving Paul Grainger, as indicated at the Business Meeting subsequently.

3.6 FUNDRAISING

As report.

Stuart shared the additional new focus on 'Companies and Organisations' with employees. This includes as a minimum:

- > New specific Companies and Organisations brochure
- > Streamlined registration process for these groups
- > Promotion to Companies and Organisations via the website.

3.7 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

As report. Plus: Peter, Nicky and Steve George meeting with Youth In Romsey on Monday re Holiday Club plans.

Trustee approval for £500 wheelchair assistance was confirmed.

3.8 FOUNDATION

As report. In addition: Donations at Hilliers c. £750 an excellent return; with Bill Gates two-for-one matching this is £2,250! A great result. Also, awareness raised.

Discussion about engaging schools and whether to communicate absence of cooperation to School Governors - Bill recommended Stewart discuss initially with John Burgess for Mountbatten.

3.9 INTERNATIONAL

As report. Also: Rushcliffe Rotary £1,000 donation to Dentaid noted, following presentation by Sandy Dunn last year.

Trustees approved £325 spend as Report.

3.10 YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

As report. Travel and other assistance for successful Romsey School team expenditure of £200 confirmed from existing budget, for forthcoming Regional round 21 April.

Steve gave an outline of proposed new 'Rotary has Talent' event. Increase participation, not just via schools and provide a wide range of youngsters with an opportunity to perform in public.

3.11 SPORTS & SOCIAL

Quiz 29 April, to be held in the Church Rooms, Romsey.

3.12 SECRETARY

As report.

Signed as a True Record

Bill Gidley, President

Date

APPROVAL OF TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE

The Trustees approved the following items of expenditure:

- Wheelchair assistance: £500
- Dentaidd transport £325

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Date

REPORTS CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

CLUB TREASURER

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Nick

TRUST FUND TREASURER

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To save time on Wednesday, if there are any questions, could you let me know before the meeting to enable me to give you a considered response and save time.’

Graham

CLUB SERVICE - VICE PRESIDENT

We have assessed Youth in Romsey, YIR and decided to move all future breakfast meetings to them and away from the Cromwell Arms, starting 11th March.

Bryan

COMMUNICATIONS

David Sutton has been working overtime this month with three articles appearing in the Romsey Advertiser. There has been continued coverage of the END POLIO campaign, early publicity for the opening of our Walk the Test Way registration, Youth Speaks and publicity on our future major activities.

John and Paul have been managing the website and keeping it up to date with all the key activities. This has helped Shaun in producing items for distribution into Facebook.

We have a meeting later this week to discuss cover and promotion of the upcoming events.

Can all Committee Chairs please make sure photos and a report is made of your future activities. Anything you think would be useful to highlight what the Club is doing and so that we can use them across all our outlets.

Keith Cameron, Chair Comms Team 3rd February 2020

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

The ‘7 day letter’ has been issued to inform the Club of Steve Simmons-Jacobs’s application for Membership. As no objections have been received I have informed Steve of the good news and will arrange his induction as soon as possible.

The Membership Team are interviewing Ian Catley on Tuesday 3rd March. I will report the outcome at the Council Meeting.

John Brinton also appears to be interested in the Club and I will seek to have an informal discussion with him at Wednesday's Business Meeting.

I would appreciate a brief Council discussion on 'Communication with Former Members'.

Iain

FUNDRAISING

Firstly, apologies for my absence but am not able to attend the March meeting.

The website is now open for registrations and marketing of this year's event has begun. Initially the focus is on walkers who have registered previously, social media activity and PR via the Romsey Advertiser.

A new marketing stream for us this year is 'Businesses and Organisations' and is being led by Stuart Wineberg. Target companies and organisations are being compiled and will be approached on a one-to-one basis in the coming months. If we can generate another 2 or 3 companies like Pfizer to walk in 2020, that would be considered a great outcome. Realistically, this is a hard market to enter but we are optimistic that with Stuart's leadership and the help of individuals within the club using current and past contacts we can be successful in generating a good number of additional walkers and more importantly a higher than average level of funds raised per walker.

Jon Livingstone has produced an excellent leaflet targeted at this audience. A copy of this leaflet is attached along with the leaflet for general distribution this year for your information. Jim Purdie will be organisation the distribution of the leaflets and posters for the general public as usual commencing later this month.

All other plans are in place for this year's walk including a re-write of the Health & Safety assessment which requires updating in line with current regulations and insurance requirements. Jon Livingstone is our new H&S o

Other fundraising activity - The joint project with Hilliers and the lunchtime club to promote the End Polio Now campaign will be reported on in detail by Foundation Officer Stewart.

Sandy

WTTW

Brian reports: 'Shirley has recently come home after a full knee replacement operation so unfortunately my nursing skills are required. My apologies.

With regard to the Walk, all cheques have now gone to charities including top-ups, some charities are still to present their first cheques sent in January, I am at present contacting them to see why not presented.

Gift Aid has been received by our bank amounting to £1097.74.'

Brian

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have now sent the £500 for the wheelchair for Georgina Barton, which has been matched by Winchester Club.

Romsey Abbey Primary School will be talking to our breakfast meeting this month and are likely to have a project for us to consider.

Plans for the Holiday Club will hopefully be finalised shortly.

Peter

FOUNDATION

Our February Polio awareness and fund-raising event is continuing while the crocus are flowering at Hillier's.

Main display was removed on Sunday and a smaller unmanned display at Reception desk, as last year, supervised by the Hillier reception staff. This will continue to bring in donations till next weekend, when the vent finishes. Sadly, the weather was not in our favour and we had a mixed result. However, everyone involved deserves a big thank you. Well done everyone.

I may know the amount collected by Council meeting.

We have been awarded and RIBI National award for our work with Hillier's. Awaiting arrangements for how to collect it.

Tony Trowsdale and I attended the District Foundation meeting last Saturday. It was well attended. I did learn some new facts and a couple of short presentations by overseas Scholars supported by Foundation were inspirational.

These seminars can be useful if put together well. Thanks to Tony who ran the refreshment service, and he gathered a good sum for Purple for Polio.

My Planning for Peace Jam Continues.

I have paid some registration fees for 10 students from Romsey School and will forward balance when Jessica confirms final numbers. I tried a different tack with Mountbatten by contacting the Headmaster Mr Cox, who passed an information pack to RE department. But I've not heard anything since half term. Sadly, it doesn't look as if they are interested. But there's always next year.

I hope to carry forward the District Grant funds held by club, but not used for March 2021 Event.

Stewart

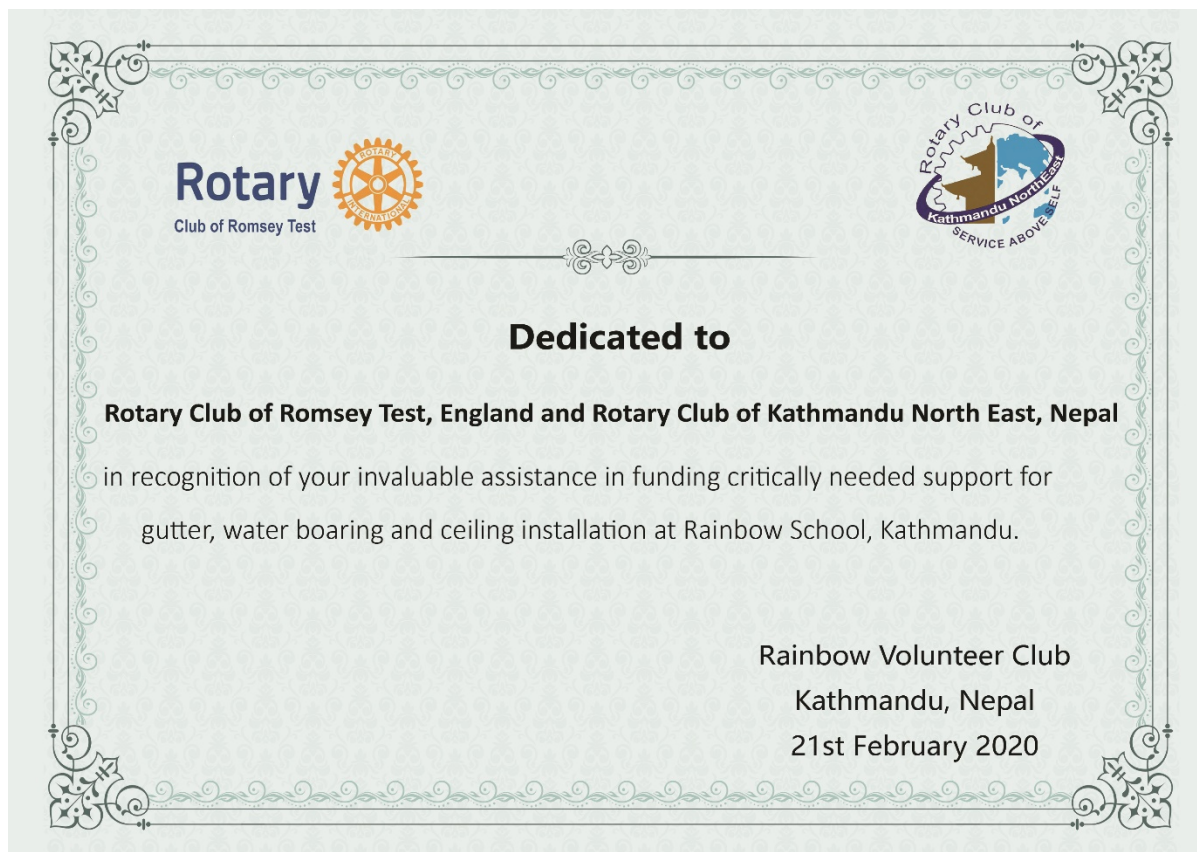
INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT TO CLUB COUNCIL – 4 MARCH 2020

School in Mulpani, Kathmandu, Nepal

1. The Club has made the following payments:
 - a. £1100 to the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu to pay for the ceiling work at the school iaw the payment schedule agreed with the contractor.
 - b. Gift Aid of £55 was claimed and added to a donation of £220 from David Johnson and paid directly to the Rainbow Volunteer Club who run the school.
2. It should be noted that both payments attracted an agent's fee of £35, not appreciated beforehand by me or by the Trust Fund Treasurer, and a transaction fee of £13.

- a. In the case of the payment of £1100, both the £1100 and the £48 were debited to “Donations” ie the Club’s uncommitted funds for 2019/20.
 - b. In the case of the £275, the £48 was taken from the International budget for 2019/20, although the Gift Aid of £55 had been credited to the International Budget.
3. The photographs showing the roof of the school without a ceiling have been circulated to Club members. The Rainbow Volunteer Club have also agreed to erect a small plaque recognising the support that has been given by the Club, and also by the Rotary Club of NE Kathmandu.



I have advised them of the spelling mistake.

Dentaid

4. As mentioned at the last Council meeting, and encouraged by the President, the International Committee wish to propose that £325 is donated, from the uncommitted Club funds in 2019/20, to pay the shipping cost of a Rotary DentaidBox to South Africa.
5. The background, as I mentioned at the last Council meeting, is that Dentaid have been supported by Emcor, a UK facilities management company, who have an office in Eastleigh. Emcor raised £1500 by not sending company Christmas cards which covered the sponsorship of a DentaidBox. A DentaidBox contains a portable dental chair, a full set of dental instruments, filling materials, a pressure cooker for sterilising, a head torch, gloves, masks, cloths, oral health education posters and a mouth model, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The DentaidBox will go to the Pebbles Project (an SA charity), which has 48 children centres, serving 1600 children supporting their education and health in the farming communities. The DentaidBox is required because some of the centres are very remote (up to 100 miles) from the main centre which houses the principal dental clinic, so portable equipment is vital.
6. Unfortunately the funds raised were insufficient to cover the cost shipping. Jacqueline James, from Dentaid, has advised that being able to ship the DentaidBox is her current priority, and that by sea,

which takes about 30 days the cost will be £325 whilst air freight is circa £600. So she has opted for the former and hence the International Committee's request that £325, from the Club's uncommitted funds for 2019/20, is donated to Dentaaid.

Gren

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Speaks

Our Romsey Intermediate team attended the local district final at Richard Tauntons college on Saturday having previously won the group 5 event in Salisbury.

Rotarians Stuckey, Stanley, George and President Bill attended in support along with three mums, an aunt and teacher Kitty Love.

A strong field presented its self with teams from Bournemouth Girls school, Christ of the King from Ryde, Mayville in Portsmouth and St Annes in Southampton. There was also a strong Senior event but we were not represented.

I am pleased to confirm that Romsey school won the day taking first place and along with Mayfield have been invited to the Regional finals in Exmouth on Saturday March 28th.

I need to ask what protocol exists re paying for the team to get there. say two cars, 50 litres per car say £130.

I will also ask the club if anyone would like a visit to exmouth in support of the team.

Committee meet up

The committee are looking to launch a new Youth event, capable of reaching a wider audience and not being so reliant on schools. A Romsey has Talent type event has some support but needs a great deal of thought as it will need the full commitment of the club as a whole but this would represent a brand new event for the club.

Tech Tournament

Event completed today, we will be able to speak about it during the business meeting.

Steve

SPORTS & SOCIAL

Verbal update at Council meeting.

Clive

SECRETARY

District Conference Weymouth - 28/ 29 March

The Hilliers crocus planting partnership has received an **RGBI People of Action Polio Award** 19/20. The link to the Rotary GB&I website published on Rotary Day 23 February follows.

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Looks like this is one of only four nationwide.

Bill and I are planning to go to the Conference in Weymouth on the day of Saturday 28 March, for Bill to receive the award from Rotary National President and Rotary's Global Polio representative. Others are welcome.

District Council, Mountbatten School 14 March

Taking place locally - same day as ROR.

National Conference Birmingham NEC - 1 to 3 May

Fyi, mentioned previously.

Coronavirus

Suggest we add this to the Council agenda for tomorrow.

District Conference is still going ahead; as in the attached note.

Steve George issued some excellent notes to Romsey Archway U3A, included below

May be appropriate to liaise with the Town Hall venue.

I expect no other action required at present. Be useful to discuss.

From Steve George, Chair - to Romsey Archway U3A members:

'I am writing to you following a committee meeting held this morning. We all know that advice on Coronavirus is changing daily but clearly the current risk levels are increasing and we wanted to contact all our members to let you know our position regarding upcoming speaker events.

The U3A National office have issued an advice update which we encourage you to read (attached).

Your U3A committee do not feel we should be cancelling meetings at this stage, but given we are all 'vulnerable' believe we should be taking extra precautions to ensure our members are safe. We ask you all to consider your own health and recent travel situation and if you have any worries or concerns about attending group meetings then please stay away. We will understand. Clearly if the outbreak spreads and we get further advice, this approach could change.

We will be looking to provide hand gels or other cleansing materials at the entrance to the hall - but in any case there are hand washing facilities in each of the cloakrooms, please use them. We will continue to liaise with Crosfield Hall and our National Office on further guidance.'

Jon

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WELCOME AND GRACE

Bill welcomed members and guest John Brinton. Ian Bullivant provided grace.

TOASTS

Bill delivered the Loyal Toast.

BUSINESS MEETING

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Preparations are well in hand for ROR, with over 200 guests and an excellent programme. Nick thanked all members helping on the day.

Bill advised the position on coronavirus had been discussed by Council and would be kept under review in line with any changes to guidance on public events that may be issued.

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Iain advised Steve Simmons-Jacobs induction planned for 18 March.

Iain requested input to update the Friends of Rotary emails tab on the Club website. Please review this and advise Iain of names missing, including those who may be able to assist with WTTW or other Rotary events.

Iain considering a small working party, to also look at email addresses on the other tabs.

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Gren provided an update on the £1,100 assistance to School in Mulpani, Kathmandu. A plaque in English is being affixed in the school recording RCoRT and Rotary assistance.

Gren reminded us of the company in Eastleigh who had raised £1,500 for Dentaaid by not sending Christmas cards and now seeking £325 assistance for travel arrangements. Proposed by Gren and seconded by Jim Purdie/ Dave Healy and several others, this was approved.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Steve was delighted to share the news that Romsey School had won the District Youth Speaks final and were now progressing to the Regional final in Exmouth 21 March. Mike Thorne queried regarding finance assistance for the pupils and their parents. Steve was able to confirm £200 budget is available.

Steve is attending with several other members, planning to stay the night before. Contact Steve for details.

Bill then shared the very successful Technology Tournament held earlier this day. 100 pupils involved, to construct a flashing light from materials Rotary our Club provides, with a range of difficulties for different

age groups. Bill thanked Mike Thorne Head of Judging and all involved for what was clearly a very successful event.

Peter Welsh subsequently under AOB responded expressing the Club's appreciation for all the considerable work Bill had put in to this event.

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Any members who would like to experience District Conference for the day and the award are welcome. Please contact Jon Livingstone if interested.

ALMONER

Ian Bullivant wished to ensure all members had received his two emails to the Club in recent days. If not, please contact Ian.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Stuart Wineberg, at the request of Romsey Mayor Janet Burnage advised members of the Mayor's concert taking place in the Abbey, 13 March.

Stewart Mitchell still has Club sticky labels for projects and items we support. Contact Stewart for these.

RAFFLE

Spirited 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