

# Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Good afternoon all.

Sorry for the delay in providing these notes from the last meeting but golf got in the way !!!!!

We met in the Town Hall and 30 members eat but there were two absentees who had booked in but obviously had been made a better offer. Nikki Jones attended but didn't eat and we were particularly pleased to welcome Chris Sargent who we haven't seen for far too long. Chris was in excellent spirits and was welcomed by many.

Bryan was in the chair 'live' for the first time as Roger has escaped elsewhere for a couple of weeks R & R after only 6 weeks of being our president !!!!

The speakers should have been either Wendy, Natalie or both from RCS Community Pantry but one disappeared on holiday and the other was overrun preparing for Thursday so Nikki Jones bravely stepped into the breach to give us as much info as she could about the Pantry. Instead of waxing voluable I attach a photo of one of their leaflets which well sets out the aims and intentions.

The Pantry started its life in Romsey School, hence the email address but has now relocated to rented premises in Dukes Mill. The are also Pantrys in Andover and Eastleigh. Once of the principles of the pantry is that nothing is free. there are 200 members and each pay an amount for their goods and also any training which they may receive which can range from catering to advice on how to present at a job interview. It surprised many to discover that cereals are in greatest demand and that any such contributions will be appreciated.

Nikki's talk was well received and there were a multitude of questions many of which Niiki wasn't able to answer but promised to find out and provide feedback. Bryan took pity on her and applied a guillotine. Peter S gave a deserving vote of thanks.

This was followed by Brian and Graham giving an update on the walk and that there are, to date 200 registrations which is encouraging. Brian said that he knows that other charities are struggling with fund raising efforts.

There was no AOB worthy of reporting !!!!!

Next week's extravaganza will be a meal in the RBL followed by Steve Simmons Jacobs telling us all about his experiences in the HSE.

All the best

Clive Collier  
(Recorder for the evening)

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**RCS COMMUNITY PANTRY**

**More for less fridge, fresh and general foods**

**What is a Community Pantry?**  
A Pantry is "get more for less". It is to help and encourage families that need a little bit of support to manage and budget through tough times. We aim to help as many local residents on a weekly basis as we can.

**What will you find in our Pantry?**  
You will find a range of fresh, frozen and general foods. This will change on a weekly basis, based on what we receive in from our suppliers.

**How to purchase Pantry goods?**  
You pay a membership of £5 per visit and receive goods valued at £15 or more. (Limited to one shop per week).

**How to join:**  
The pantry has no restrictions on becoming a member, it is simple and easy to join by either calling the pantry team on **01794 522106** or emailing **rcscommunitypantry@romsey.hants.sch.uk**

**£5 per visit for £15+ worth of food**

**Pantry locations:**

- Eastleigh Pantry**  
Cable Works, 83 Tinning Way, Eastleigh SO50 9QE
- Romsey Pantry**  
Unit 7 Dukes Mill, Romsey, SO51 8PJ
- Andover Pantry**  
The Longmeadow Centre, Cricketers Way, Andover SP10 5DE

 