

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Rotary Club of Romsey Test

3 August 2022

Present:

Nigel Budd (President)*	Stuart Wineberg (Secretary)*
Bill Gidley	Nikki Jones
Clive Collier	Bryan Rickett
Ed Holmes	Ron Bowater*
Graham Hollier*	Roger Shepherd

Peter Hurst

+ apologies from Charlie Daniel-Hobbs, Steve George, Brian Davies, Kerry Daley

*Trustees

Following a request by Tony T at the main meeting and to help the sanity of the Secretary, Council members are asked to submit their reports to the club not later than the weekend prior to the Business meeting

Minutes of last meeting

Passed without comment

Secretary

Confirmed that the increasing number of requests for support coming from individuals and organisations directed through our web contacts will be forwarded to the relevant council member who is asked to take responsibility for replying to the request directly.

Trust Fund

As per report.

Club Treasurer

As report. Balance £4816.22 of which £4684 is club money, remainder is members.

Club Service

As report, cover arranged for extended absence (Jon Livingstone). Paul Quinnell now on the committee which has thereby doubled in size

Communications

As per report.

Membership

No report. Clive C asked that the mentoring scheme be reinstalled. SW and NB to look into this

WTTW

As report. Some concern over numbers – tracking more like 2021 than 2019. If current trend continues club would only clear £6000 for charitable use. Council agreed to recommend to club that £500 of walk funds be used for promotional purposes to boost numbers

Complexity of the WTTW financial system compared to the Marathon noted. However this has been investigated on multiple occasions and conclusion has been that a simpler system would result in a lower revenue stream to the club. Needs to be kept under review

ROR

New leader still required. Topic for further discussion is whether we continue with ROR and if so in what format. Probably needs a small group to develop proposals and then put these to the club for discussion

Community

As report. Sue Bakewell joining the committee

Foundation

As report

International

As per report. Payment made to Dentaid

Youth

As per report.

Sports and Social

As per report. With his other hat Clive C confirmed that the issue of name badges will be looked at

Mayor's Picnic

Peter Hurst reported that the surplus to expenditure from the MP was approx £2000 with about £150 still to come. He requested that £1000 be sent to Mayor's charity (vs £850 last year) and that some funds be held back for capital repairs – mainly to the Soaka Pool and possibly fridges for the bar. After some debate it was agreed that the donation to the Mayor should be put to the club and firm quotes would be obtained for any necessary repairs or replacement and a final decision would then be made regarding the use or retention of the £1000 balance. Anything else (eg the £150) would be transferred to the trust fund immediately.

Nigel will invite the mayor to a meeting to be presented with his cheque

President's remarks

Clive Daley has stepped down from membership chair role

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Nigel expressed his gratitude that both are remaining as active and valued members of the club

Reminder that joining members should be strongly encouraged to join a committee. If they haven't done so next month then agreed that they should be asked to join a named committee which needs further support. Nigel asked Council members to let him know where they are short of people (could be the committee or on a specific project)

As part of the general chat prior to the meeting all congratulated Bill on looking well and remarkably slim

AOB

Council is happy for David Sutton to send our events list to selected interested parties outside the club

David Bloomfield has taken over as an examiner of our accounts. Clive C thanked for arranging this

Town now has Suzie Shilling as Business Events and Tourism Officer and she would like to come to speak to us

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Club Service

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To continue with the dining the following has been arranged

Dining Arrangements

Jon Livingstone has kindly offered to submit the numbers dining each week.

I have submitted forward dates of meetings to both The Royal British Legion Caterer and Youth in Romsey.

A menu plan has been agreed with the RBL caterer up to the 2nd November 2022. We have received an acknowledgement from both RBL and YIR.

Club Service Committee Members

Paul Quinell from The Romsey Rotary Club has requested to join the Club Service Committee.

Youth

Youth committee have met and agreed the following principal activities for 22/23.

Since our last report we have received a very complimentary letter from Mountbatten regarding our involvement with their mock interviews.

Schools broke up last week and as such there is little to report until contact resumes in September.

I can confirm that **Stuart Marchant** the Music director at Mountbatten is to attend our breakfast meeting at YIR next week. Mountbatten have attended the Mayors picnic for many years.

Youth Debate - We will contact the schools on return in September and confirm we would run it in Romsey only if we can get a minimum of two teams from a minimum of two schools. Kerry has a contact in Embley school and hopefully we can get them engaged too. A date will be set for January. — Yes please Kerry could you give me a contact name.

Young Chef - We have an appetite to hold an event but again would want to get sufficient engagement from our main schools. Unfortunately the Head of Cooking at Mountbatten and her assistant are going to be on maternity leave next term and Mountbatten are therefore unlikely to get involved this year. Schools will be contacted in September.

Youth In Romsey - We would like to grow our engagement with YIR and will use next weeks breakfast meeting to speak to Wendy and Linda to explore this.

Tech Tournament - To be held in February. No date yet agreed. Plan for the messaging to be targeted to attract a wider range of academic abilities.

Peace Jam - Will be held in Winchester in November. More details to follow.

Young Photographer - The committee felt there was an opportunity to offer a photography competition but targeting the pupils directly via social media rather than relying on schools leading the admin. Schools would be advised so that they are engaged but young people would submit entries direct to us. Work in progress.

Sports and Social

Nothing to report

Communication

Summer Newsletter

Was sent out on the 30th June via our website. Please let me know if you are not receiving these?. If you click this link it will take you directly all our articles, not just the newsletter.

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

Our next Newsletter will be Autumn issue deadline 16th September

Mayors Picnic

We posted and shared a lot of things on our Facebook page about the Mayors Picnic. Lots of people sharing their experience of the day too which is great. Lovely to see other people's photos of the day.

I hope you all got to see the video, here is the link if you missed it
<https://www.rotaryclubofromseytest.org.uk/communitycommittee>

We also did an article on our website all about the day, which we shared via email to all our subscribers.

We also sent out a feedback survey to all Rotary Members asking for feedback on the event. Thank you to all who filled that out. We are of course looking for teams members to join the Mayors Picnic committee so please let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

Presidents Reception

Posted on the facebook page about the evening, we also shared an article on our website, which was also emailed out to all our subscribers

Walk the Test Way

We have been pushing content through the Facebook page, articles have gone out over the last couple of months in local newsletters, we are now looking at getting something into the Romsey Advertiser to try and boost sales and we are looking at an email campaign to Charities, businesses along with present and past walkers to try and drum up some more registrations.

We have been quite active on FB and have posted two articles on the WTTW website here is the link www.walkthetestway.org.uk/blog, we have shared these with local charities. We have just drafted a Digital Fundraising Pack along with posters that charities and walkers can add their details to, to help promote the event. We will share these with you all as soon as they are finalised.

Romsey Young Carers

As Nikki mentions in her update, we have been helping Chris with promoting the great work that they do. We have organised new leaflets, business cards, we are working on a Befriending Poster as we speak and we will be helping with advice and guidance on social media marketing.

Communications team will have their first real meeting on the 16th August – please let me know if you fancy being a part of the team.

Membership

Foundation

Stewart is setting up a meeting with Hilliers so that I can arrange the Polio fund raiser for next February.

I am assessing a message from District that implies that there are significant funds available (as district grants), they are looking for good projects to support.

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The President welcomed Nick Barrett who as well as (we found) being the District webmaster is responsible for the sound system at the Mayor's Picnic

Secretary

Requested a vote to amend the decision to reduce the number of signatories on the trust fund account to 4 – to instead be 5 signatories, the extra one being John Jones so he can do the necessary work. This was passed.

Reminded the club of the dates of the 2 one day District conferences – 8 October in Bournemouth and 5 November Novotel Southampton. Details on the District web site

Club Treasurer

Club account stands at £4816 with £131 members' credit. With dinners now £16.50 RGBI sub increased to £70 (from £69) and district levy of £15, current recommended SO of £45 pcm may be insufficient. Club will be notified if this is the case.

Graham Hollier's request for a senior discount was refused

Trust Fund

As per report

Club Service

Nothing to report. Jon Livingstone is covering in Ed's absence

Communications

As per report.

Membership

No report

WTTW

Tracking low – perhaps 200 walkers and with increased costs we may only clear £6-7k. Looking at corporate schemes – Rose Road for instance is working with the Ordnance Survey. Steve S-J is about 10 marshals short – please volunteer and ask your friends. Proposed to spend £500 from walk fund to promote the event. This was passed.

Community Service

As per report. It was reported that the Carols service would not take place – (*subsequent correspondence indicates that this is not the case*). With the squeeze on funds the importance of vocational service rather than financial support was emphasised – providing our expertise for example to Young Carers in formulating grants submissions

Brian Stokes legacy (£1600) has been used (together with £400 from club) to enable Young Carers to put in a Community Asset Fund request to double the support to £4k

Foundation

As per report. In discussion with Hilliers for the February polio event. Members were reminded that there are Foundation grants as well as District grants to be had and should be part of any fundraising plan

International

As per report. 3 main donations – Dentaid Uganda and Life Centre School Kenya both paid. The third to Nepal is trickier mainly due to communication issues – previous donation appears to be stuck.

Youth

As per report

Sports and Social

Thanked Nigel and Lottie for the use of their beach hut
Next partners event BBQ at Clive C residence 31 August, details to follow

ROR

New chair required. Please contact President if interested.

Mayors Picnic

Vote passed to donate £1000 from surplus to Mayor's charity. Confirmed that the amount given is flexible and could go down if the surplus was less in any year. Quotes to be obtained for any necessary expenditure on capital items (specifically the Soaka pool) and then decision to be made regarding remaining surplus.

Almoner

Rex Trayhorne funeral is 15 August

Clubs visited

None

President's remarks

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The format of the 4th week social evening will continue for one more month and be reviewed

AOB

It was noted that the club letterhead on the website has last year's President on it. Secretary to amend.

Neill Beasley said he met Martin Nutbeam who asked to be remembered to the club

Tony T asked that committee reports to come to members by the weekend before the meeting to allow for them to be properly considered

Tony T noted that there seemed to be a degree of overlap between Youth and Community and suggested that the relevant chairs agree who will deal with what topic

Next meeting – breakfast at Youth in Romsey – 745 for 8

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Dining Arrangements

Jon Livingstone has kindly offered to submit the numbers dining each week.

I have submitted forward dates of meetings to both The Royal British Legion Caterer and Youth in Romsey.

A menu plan has been agreed with the RBL caterer up to the 2nd November 2022. We have received an acknowledgement from both RBL and YIR.

Club Service Committee Members

Paul Quinell from The Romsey Rotary Club has requested to join the Club Service Committee.

Youth

Youth committee have met and agreed the following principal activities for 22/23.

Since our last report we have received a very complimentary letter from Mountbatten regarding our involvement with their mock interviews.

Schools broke up last week and as such there is little to report until contact resumes in September.

I can confirm that **Stuart Marchant** the Music director at Mountbatten is to attend our breakfast meeting at YIR next week. Mountbatten have attended the Mayors picnic for many years.

Youth Debate - We will contact the schools on return in September and confirm we would run it in Romsey only if we can get a minimum of two teams from a minimum of two schools. Kerry has a contact in Embley school and hopefully we can get them engaged too. A date will be set for January. — Yes please Kerry could you give me a contact name.

Young Chef - We have an appetite to hold an event but again would want to get sufficient engagement from our main schools. Unfortunately the Head of Cooking at Mountbatten and her assistant are going to be on maternity leave next term and Mountbatten are therefore unlikely to get involved this year. Schools will be contacted in September.

Youth In Romsey - We would like to grow our engagement with YIR and will use next weeks breakfast meeting to speak to Wendy and Linda to explore this.

Tech Tournament - To be held in February. No date yet agreed. Plan for the messaging to be targeted to attract a wider range of academic abilities.

Peace Jam - Will be held in Winchester in November. More details to follow.

Young Photographer - The committee felt there was an opportunity to offer a photography competition but targeting the pupils directly via social media rather than relying on schools leading the admin. Schools would be advised so that they are engaged but young people would submit entries direct to us. Work in progress.

Sports and Social

Nothing to report

Communication

Summer Newsletter

Was sent out on the 30th June via our website. Please let me know if you are not receiving these?. If you click this link it will take you directly all our articles, not just the newsletter.

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

Our next Newsletter will be Autumn issue deadline 16th September

Mayors Picnic

We posted and shared a lot of things on our Facebook page about the Mayors Picnic. Lots of people sharing their experience of the day too which is great. Lovely to see other people's photos of the day.

I hope you all got to see the video, here is the link if you missed it

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

We also did an article on our website all about the day, which we shared via email to all our subscribers.

We also sent out a feedback survey to all Rotary Members asking for feedback on the event. Thank you to all who filled that out. We are of course looking for teams members to join the Mayors Picnic committee so please let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

Presidents Reception

Posted on the facebook page about the evening, we also shared an article on our website, which was also emailed out to all our subscribers

Walk the Test Way

We have been pushing content through the Facebook page, articles have gone out over the last couple of months in local newsletters, we are now looking at getting something into the Romsey Advertiser to try and boost sales and we are looking at an email campaign to Charities, businesses along with present and past walkers to try and drum up some more registrations.

We have been quite active on FB and have posted two articles on the WTTW website here is the link www.walkthetestway.org.uk/blog, we have shared these with local charities. We have just drafted a Digital Fundraising Pack along with posters that charities and walkers can add their details to, to help promote the event. We will share these with you all as soon as they are finalised.

Romsey Young Carers

As Nikki mentions in her update, we have been helping Chris with promoting the great work that they do. We have organised new leaflets, business cards, we are working on a Befriending Poster as we speak and we will be helping with advice and guidance on social media marketing.

Communications team will have their first real meeting on the 16th August – please let me know if you fancy being a part of the team.

Membership

Foundation

Stewart is setting up a meeting with Hilliers so that I can arrange the Polio fund raiser for next February.

I am assessing a message from District that implies that there are significant funds available (as district grants), they are looking for good projects to support.