

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST

### COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021

#### ATTENDEES

Roger Shepherd - President	Graham Hollier
Nick Bellamy	Ed Holmes
Clive Collier	Gren Lamb-Hughes
Kerry Daley	Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Brian Davies	Bryan Rickett
Steve George	Peter Welsh

Apologies: Nigel Budd, Nikki Jones, Stewart Mitchell

#### 1. CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS

Circulated in advance of the meeting, plus notes, discussion and bank mandate resolution as follows:

##### Club Treasurer

###### **Resolution for the changes to the Bank mandate:**

It was resolved that

“The Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the account detailed in section 1.3 be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories, Adding Messrs N Budd, S Wineberg and R Bowater.

And the current mandate will continue as amended.”

It was further resolved that

“R Bowater become an “Authorised User” for Digital and Direct banking for the Club account with NatWest”

##### Trust Fund Treasurer

Figures for available funds as Report circulated in advance of the meeting.

##### Club Service

Nothing to report. Roger conveyed Nigel's apologies.

##### Communications

As Report. Peter also recommended make it easier for Members (particularly those unable to be at F2F meetings at present) to feed back concerns. Discussion about existing routes to President or Council.

Kerry then suggested include a 'Virtual Communications Box' on the Members' site. Consensus this was an excellent idea. Kerry can create this; liaise with Paul Grainger or Dave Healy to add to the Members' site.

##### Membership

Bryan indicated nothing to report. Discussion then followed:

- Shaun O'Brien; will be joining Rotary In the Community initiative when launched
- Warren Clarke; also Rotary in the Community
- Julian Gee; likewise. Stewart Mitchell to forward Julian's contact details to Nikki
- James at Grove Place; very busy and probably interested in Rotary in the Community
- Discussion to contact Jim Purdie; overtaken by email from Jim.

## **Fundraising**

As report. Brian also brought the good news that Specsavers had agreed to be main sponsors again next year. Sponsorship also confirmed by Ed Holmes from PJM Electrical and Brian in discussion with Audley Homes. Any other suggestions for sponsors; please advise Brian or Ed.

Brian advised 2021 WTTW proceeds to RCORT likely to be £7.5k to £8k. Will be applied 50:50 to present and next Rotary year.

## **Community**

Extensive recommendations in Nikki's report fully supported by Council. Details as in Nikki's Report prior to Council and fully covered in Business Meeting following Council.

## **Foundation**

As Stewart's report.

## **International**

Nothing to report this month.

## **Youth**

Full recommendations in Steve's report prior to the meeting; and covered in minutes of Business Meeting after Council. It is great to see activity with Schools and Youth recommencing in this way!

Discussion re 'Learn to Earn' relating to which Brian expressed reservations regarding meeting Educational costs. Consensus of Council was to recommend the activity to Members at the Business Meeting subsequently.

## **Sports & Social**

Clive advised expect c.60 attending 15 December Christmas event.

## 2. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Roger shared that Rotary Future discussion now will be in January.

Council supported John Jones' proposal for £400 funding for Ataxia research. John is giving £100 himself. With £4£ matching, this will provide a donation total of £1,000.

Reservations expressed re John's suggestion for donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This would not be put to the Business Meeting to follow.

## 3. **AOB**

ROR: Nick outlined excellent progress for this event next year. His reservation was as to numbers attending depending on progress of COVID. These could be quite well down, based on initial enquiries Nick had made. Consensus amongst all, was to proceed. Provided people able to gather, this event could be exactly what people in the town need as a boost and opportunity to meet once again.

Almoner: discussion regarding Brian and Katie Stokes' ill-health. David Sutton to update Members at the Business meeting following. Question posed if to publicise Almoner role in some way.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**7.30 WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021**

#### **4. WELCOME & GRACE**

Roger welcomed 31 Members to the meeting. Clive Collier delivered Grace.

#### **5. BUSINESS MEETING**

##### **Club Treasurer**

Nick advised, at the end of November there is a positive balance of **£6,800** on the Club account and a negative balance of **£900** on members dinner accounts. These combined give a positive balance of **£5,900** at the bank.

##### **Trust Fund Treasurer**

Graham reported in advance of the meeting that £6,382 remained within Committee budgets at this stage of the Rotary year. £4,161 Uncommitted Funds will be shared between Roger and Nigel's years.

Income from the 2021 WALK due to the Trust Fund will also be shared between Roger and Nigel's years.

In response to a question, Graham advised that regrettably nil interest was paid on Trust Fund balances.

##### **Club Service**

Roger conveyed Nigel's apologies, having the early stages of a cold.

##### **Communications**

Peter Welsh advised there was nothing additional following his note to Members prior to the meeting. Clive Collier referred to the Rotary in Romsey Newsletter, which Kerry Daley puts together, as an excellent read and a very good document.

##### **Membership**

Bryan Rickett advised nothing to report.

##### **Fundraising**

Brian Davies thanked Ed Holmes/ Bill Gidley and Terry Proctor who have volunteered to take responsibility for the Walk signs and placement positions.

Brian also brought the good news that Specsavers had agreed to be main sponsors again next year. Sponsorship also confirmed by Ed Holmes from PJM Electrical and Brian in discussion with Audley Homes. Any other suggestions for sponsors; please advise Brian or Ed.

##### **Community**

Greater part of Nikki's report included, reflecting the extent of current activity: 'We have had another busy month getting immersed in and developing a strong relationship with our local community.'

##### **YOUTH IN ROMSEY**

Self defence and personal safety awareness sessions. These will be held at YIR facilities. The activity will run as a day session and is based on 20 Participants per day (teenage girls being the target group for this).

In light of recent tragedies involving the abduction and murders of two women. It is vital that our young women are taught how to look after themselves and learn what is acceptable and what isn't in society. This may include within their own relationships, be that with family members or a partner.

The cost per day is £342. YIR would like to run this for 3 days initially and monitor the uptake, response and outcome. They are hoping to make it self funding eventually by charging the initial participants £5 per head. This would contribute to the next lot of sessions. This would've made the initial donation £1026. However, by networking with some of our new prospective members ( one of whom happens to be a Tai Kwan Do instructor) we've managed to get the cost down. He has offered his services for free for one of the days and half price for the other two.

This brings the cost down to £711.

#### BABY NECESSITIES.

I've [Nikki] spoken before about this local charity. They are providing a constant level of support to local families in desperate situations. A lot of the time they are contacted by local health and social workers and have to react instantly to dire situations. There have been a few instances recently that unfortunately we just haven't been able to respond to quickly enough to help. I would like to propose we make a donation of £300 for them to be able to react and help, particularly during December and what looks like is going to be a busy Christmas for them. Lauren (one of the ladies who runs BN) has agreed to come and do a talk at one of our Rotary evenings in the new year.

I [Nikki] would like to propose we make a donation of £300.

#### ROMSEY YOUNG CARERS

Another great local charity that we have supported in the past. I'm sure everyone is aware of the vital role they play with many of our local families. They have several items left on their wish list for Christmas. There are two items on the list that stand out.

Selection boxes 75 needed @ 1.25 each. Fidget toys (for children and young adults with anxiety) 65 @ £2.99 each. [Roger advised one of these may already be funded, and the full sum below may not be required]

Total donation £288.

#### COMMUNITY PANTRY

I [Nikki] mentioned in my last report about the ' Christmas cracker' campaign. This is the coming together of several local community charities, such as the food bank and the community pantry, to provide local ( approximately 70 in total ) families with a complete package of toys and food for Christmas Day, and more importantly the time after Xmas when money is tight but meals are still needed. As many of you realised when we did the food donation/collection there is a great demand for fresh produce. Rather than us second guess what will be needed (what the shortfall will be) I {Community Service} propose we make a donation to the Community Pantry of £500. This will enable them to purchase whatever fresh items they need to complete the Christmas food packages.

Community Service will be doing a collection at our next meeting on December 8th. Any donations welcome please. Christmas theme. Gifts for children from 0-18 years (could be a voucher for Amazon if not a gift) a selection box? hat, gloves, books?'

Total/ maximum donations £1,800. This sum is within the Community Service budget, though not at itemized level. A vote was held to support all the proposals. All were in favour. Approved.

PROPOSER/S                      Roger Shepherd for Nikki Jones  
SECONDED                        Mike Thorne

#### **Foundation**

Extract from Stewart's report, circulated in advance:

'Final result from our fund raising event at Hilliers. I [Stewart] sent a cheque to End Polio now for £552 raised by the event. Plus, orders of the Purple for polio gin raised another £78 in partnership with Salford and Swinton

club. Total £630. With Bill Gates added twice this total raised is £1,890. That is equivalent of approx. **8,500** children vaccinated against polio. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to those who ordered Purple for polio gins. Delivery was delayed but should be in courier's base at Totton this week.'

Jon Livingstone also mentioned message from Stewart, that the Chamber of Commerce are now holding members networking get together on the first Friday each month. Other Club Members may be interested in attending, to develop business contacts. Suggest contact Stewart for details.

### **International**

Nothing to report. International Committee continue to review proposals they receive.

### **Youth**

Steve summarised extensive activities within his report. This includes:

#### **Youth Speaks**

'We are working with Southampton Rotary club (Philip Brazier) who ran a small Southampton event in 2019 and is keen along with St Annes school, to run an event this year. We have had confirmation from Romsey (Kitty Love) and Mountbatten (Rosie Mercer) that they wish to participate. We are currently setting a date and venue for a Romsey based event, probably inviting King Edwards. We propose to provisionally book the Town Hall in Romsey for Tuesday January 25th to hold a Romsey event.

#### **Young Chef**

We were approached by Mountbatten (Laura Jones, Design and Technology) and are currently in talks with them about entering the Young Chef competition. It's likely that we will try and piggy-back into the Salisbury event and are in contact with Rotary colleagues there. Mountbatten held a preliminary selection event at the school on Tuesday 23rd Nov, in order to select their top 6 chefs who will then enter the Salisbury Young Chef competition. John Whitham and myself [Steve] acted as judges with the head teacher and we are now awaiting details of the Salisbury date and venue where our 6 chefs will go onto further competition with other schools in the first round proper.

#### **Learn To Earn - Proposal to the Club. The Youth Committee support this proposal**

Romsey school have asked for support funding to extend and improve their Careers and Financial awareness teaching within the curriculum. We [Youth Committee] propose a **£500 contribution** (approx 20% of the total cost) subject to Romsey getting the remainder of the funding from corporate, commercial and parental funding.

Every senior school has a responsibility to prepare children, from year 8 onwards, for their future careers and life post schooling. This already forms part of the curriculum. Career teaching is not well, if at all funded. Romsey do have an existing programme and Miss Phillips has led this for a number of years. They have previously been awarded a Centre of Excellence in Financial Education. The material and content has become outdated and the school are looking at ways of enhancing the proposition.

Through Young Enterprise, they would like to launch the Learn to Earn initiative for their year 8 pupils (approx 250 children.). This is an up to date learning programme delivered by Young Enterprise and supported and followed up by the Careers tutor at the school.

The nominal cost of £10 per pupil covers a full day's training and supporting booklets/material that are given to the children as part of the course. It is supported by Martin Lewis (Financial Journalist) who has worked with young enterprise to formulate the course.'

Mike Thorne wished to confirm with Graham Hollier funds were available, aware there may be further requests from International and other Committees. Graham confirmed the funds available as per the Trust Fund report. Brian Davies queried providing support for education; and does this open up to requests from other schools?

A vote was held:

PROPOSER                      Tony Trowsdale  
SECONDED                      Graham Hollier.

All voters in favour, other than one against. Approved.

### **Dictionaries For Life**

Steve thanked Stuart Wineberg for 'leading and completing this project. 12 schools, over 400 dictionaries and a big team of Rotary helpers, well done. We do not plan to extend this further next year. We will wait to settle in the wider distribution and see what the feedback has been like. Dictionaries are now being ordered for next year. Peter Stuckey has agreed to 'home them' in his garage over the summer period.'

### **Technology Tournament - March 16 2022.**

'We have again linked up with Chris Nixon of the Southampton Magna club and have agreed to hold the Technology tournament on March 16th.' 18 teams entered already, from Romsey and Southampton schools. Steve Simmons and Ron Bowater are now working closely with Bill Gidley to take over the lead on this competition. The team are assembling the component parts for the project.

### **Sports & Social**

Clive Collier requested final menu selections for the Christmas dinner event on 15 December.

## **6. ALMONER**

David Sutton had spoken with Katie Stokes earlier in the day and shared that Brian has now has a cancer diagnosis. Katie has also had a chest infection and was also in hospital. David suggested emails to Katie, rather than telephone calls at present.

Peter Stuckey had called on Martin Harman and they had an enjoyable discussion. Martin and Sarah made Peter very welcome.

## **7. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

### **Rotary – The Future**

'Although various discussions have taken place since the last Business Meeting there remain a number of issues outstanding and this will therefore be considered further at the January meeting.'

### **Charitable Donation - Ataxia research**

'John Jones has suggested the Club make a donation of £400 to Ataxia research to aid speech therapy. The donation to be through the Big Give (which operates from 30 November to 7 December) and which would double our donation. John has himself benefited from speech therapy. Last year the Club made a donation of £300 in this manner. Council [the Club] are requested to decide if they wish to make a donation of £400 for Ataxia research via the Big Give.' John is making a personal donation. With this and £4£ matching the total = £1,000.

PROPOSER                      Roger Shepherd  
SECONDED                      Peter Stuckey

All voters in favour. Approved.

## Email from Kerry Daley

Roger read Kerry's email to him, regarding becoming Junior Vice President. Wording attached.

### 8. AOB

#### Honeypot Charity

Honeypot charity, well known to RCORT (David Sutton and others visited recently) have an opportunity for matched funding. Clive Collier proposed RCORT support with £250, rising to £500 when matched.

PROPOSER                      Clive Collier  
SECONDED                     Stuart Wineberg

All voters in favour. Approved.

#### Royal British Legion - storage room/ Room Preparation

John King advised that the key to the Rotary storeroom at the British Legion was held by Nigel Budd (Rotary copy) and one behind the bar at the British Legion. Wishing to make others responsible for Room Preparation aware.

#### Next Meeting - Breakfast Meeting, Youth in Romsey

Wed 08 Dec 21	International	International committee entertainment Youth in Romsey, Southampton Road, Romsey SO51 8AF
Wed 15 Dec 21		Christmas Partners Evening Romsey Golf Club

#### **Expenditure Approved by Trustees 1 December 2021:**

- Youth In Romsey – Self-Defence                      £711
- Baby Necessities    £300
- Romsey Young Carers                                        Up to £288
- Community Pantry    £500
- Romsey School Learn to Earn                            £500
- Ataxia research    £400
- Honeypot     £250

JRL - 3 December 2021

Email - Kerry Daley to Roger Shepherd, 3 November 2021

Fellow Rotarians,

I am delighted to have been consulted and encouraged to take the role of Junior Vice Chair, which I am delighted to accept.

As many of you will know I am an action orientated person and will support my fellow officers as much as I can to ensure we have a successful club.

You will also know that I am a big advocate for moving the club forward to encourage new members to ensure we have a great mix of lovely diverse people who will embrace our motto of "serve before self" and get things done in our community and beyond. Having said this I would also like to say that I am very respectful and supportive of our long standing members who have grown Rotary over the years.

I am very pleased to move forward more actively in the club and look forward to working with you all more closely in the future.

Best wishes

Kerry