



The Rotary Club of Alresford Council Minutes

24th January 2022

As updated by Zoom Business meeting on 31st January 2022

Present : Council : Jonathan Read (President), Stephen Pinch (Immediate Past President), David Marshall (President Elect), James Pinniger (Secretary) and Ken Coburn (Treasurer)

At Business meeting: as above plus Andrew Castillo, Reg Ling, Jon McKenzie, Mick Merritt, Jon Pittam, Brian Ranger, James Silvester, Peter Tudor, Steve Walker and Paul Watters

1. Financial

Monthly report previously circulated on 6th January 2022.

Council recommends that the Business meeting on 31st January 2022 approves a donation of £2000 to Shelterbox

Update: *approved. Jonathan to advise Ken of payment details*

Consideration was given to making a second donation towards the cost of Alresford Methodist Church roof repairs but decided not to do so having considered a brief financial summary. If expense additional to that currently known arises Council will reconsider, recognising the benefit of AMC premises to the wider community

2. Perins Drama Dept

In response to an enquiry from Perins Council agreed to obtain and donate to Perins 30 "flaming" torches for its March drama production. Jonathan to arrange with James S. (*Post meeting note : - consideration is being given to combining this with an early order for November 4th for bulk discount and in anticipation of price rise*)

Update: *Jonathan is placing an order for 1000 at an advantageous price so that we have sufficient stock for 2022 event and beyond and to accommodate Perins request for larger donation. Donation will be publicised at the time of Perins production. Storage safety concerns need to be addressed*

3. Christmas Music and Song Contest

A modest response generating a small profit. One winner and one commendation. Encouraging engagement with Perins music department (the winner is a Perins student). Becky Smith is preparing winner's hamper to be presented shortly. Thanks to David and team. Paul Rees (ARC) keen to go ahead with Karaoke. David etc to pursue that with him.

Update: *David is arranging prize winning presentation and Hans has been asked to transfer "Just Giving" monies to Trust account*

4. Crocus signage

NATT has agreed a small sign recognising Rotary's 2021 planting of crocus corms may be put alongside the flowers when in bloom in the spring. Hans (or David) to design sign for NATT approval

Update: *David will progress this and liaise with James*

5. Alresford Rotary 35th / 36th Anniversary celebrations

David is leading the planning and would welcome further suggestions and offers of assistance

Update: *Consider producing a brief "History of Alresford Rotary". James to provide David with copy of lengthy history produced by founder member Richard Hawkins at 25th anniversary (and partly updated since then) for further consideration.*

6. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

A further planning meeting is scheduled to take place on 26th January which Jonathan and/or James P. will attend and update at January Business meeting

Update: *Meeting attended by James on 26th January. Event is being led by NATC and will be a family type picnic for locals in Arlebury Park on Saturday 4th June from early afternoon until late with big screen (showing Buckingham Palace concert etc) and stage for local performers e.g. Community Choir, Ukulele Band etc etc. All local organisations invited to have gazebo with one free attraction. A free event, attendance by foot encouraged. Very limited parking at Arlebury Park. Rotary may be invited to manage access to car park. Further meeting 3rd March _ Jonathan and/or James to attend*

7. Lend with Care

Month of December loaned (7 loans)	£165
Month of December repayments received	£215.91
Month of December Donated to LWC	£2.25
Total to date Loaned	£15,180
Total to date Loans Repaid	£13,395
Outstanding to date due to us	£1,725
Total to date Donated to LWC	£673.90
Number of small entrepreneurs helped	5,264

Repayments mostly on track and repayment % remains best ever. New loans made in Malawi and Philippines

Council recommends an additional £1000 is made available for loans

Update: *Agreed to pay an additional £1000 to LWC to assist larger number of entrepreneurs*

8. Quiz – 8th April

The box office is now open. Publicity to be launched within the next two weeks. Hall crockery and cutlery to be used instead of disposables

Update: *2/18 tables sold. Book early to avoid disappointment!*

9. Snake Golf Day – 19th August

David reported that thanks to Geoff Amey Alresford Rotary Trust Fund will be the beneficiary of monies raised at this event. David unable to attend and participation of a few Alresford Rotarians will be required. A free four ball is included so let David know if you wish to play.

Update: *event to be held at Paultons Golf. Bob to play. Jonathan (provisionally) will attend post play presentations etc*

10. Guests

Guests are always welcome at Alresford Rotary meals but unless previously agreed by Council (or the President) in advance the default position is that guests pay for their meals

11. Future Meetings

A final decision (for the moment) will be made at January's Business meeting prior to which Jonathan will send a note summarising currently known views. In brief summary the general preference appears to be that Alresford Rotary meets for a meal at the Swan twice a month.

Update:

Subject to changes required for bank holidays etc the general plan is as follows:

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month – meal at the Swan. If guest speaker that normally to be pre meal

2nd Monday Council

4th Monday Business (Zoom)

5th Monday Meal but not at The Swan.

Updated calendar will be circulated to members shortly

12. Business meeting AOB

12.1 Litter Picking

Agreeing to litter pick Sun Lane and Tichborne Down on Saturday 12th February from 8.00 a.m. Ken and Peter to litter pick Winchester Road from Lowland House to Ovington roundabout that morning

Agreeing to clean Broad Street on Sunday 20th March from ? 7.30 a.m.?. James to liaise with NATC

12.2 Just Giving

David authorised to close down current Just Giving page and to establish a permanent Just Giving page for Alresford Rotary

12.3 Not to be missed

Jonathan will be speaking to the Alresford Ladies Group about Rotary in the John Pearson Hall on 10th February at 7.30 p.m.

12.4 New Leaf Alresford

Rotary needs to give further consideration to working on local environmental projects with New Leaf

Forthcoming meeting and events:

7th February – Swan meal (guests Revd Heather Brearey and Mick Brearey)

12th February – Sun Lane / Tichborne Down litter pick

13th March – Winchester car boot sale

20th March – Cleaning up Broad Street

8th April – Quiz

15th May – Watercress Festival

4th June – NATC Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Park

19th June – 10k run

19th August – Snake Golf Day

3rd September – Alresford Agricultural Show

4th November – Bonfire / Fireworks

3rd December – Christmas Tree sale