

Rotary Club of Alresford

Minutes of COUNCIL MEETING

ITCHEN VIEW 5 SHELLEY CLOSE IA SO21 1AU

12TH SEPTEMBER 2022 @1930

David Marshall DM Andrew Castillo AC Jon Pittam JP James Sylvester JS
Kim Boog KB Bob Germon BG

APOLOGIES: Jonathan Read JR

DRESS TEAM UPDATE

BG KB and JS presented their proposal (attached) for the purchase of new outfits for club members. Council fully supported the proposal and asked if kit could be available for Bonfire Night if club members accepted Council's decision.

JP felt that a HV jacket to be worn when weather was inclement would be a worthwhile addition to ensure harmonisation of appearance avoiding each member wearing their own wet weather gear underneath the tabard.

Council agreed and BG KM and JS will investigate cost.

Post meeting note: AC emailed proposal and images to all members and asked for feedback. Response to date has been very positive. AC asks if members who have not as yet responded, do so by close of play on the 21st. A grant application to District for support towards cost of clothing has been submitted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

- Project Fundraising Shape. Council supported the preliminary budget (see attached) which will be used for guidance for 22/23. Council agreed to adopt an annual budget preparation process in May and the budget can be ratified by all at the AGM for 23/24. Council agreed to target an approximate donation ratio of 3:1 local to international.

- Ropley Church. Email to thank for kind donation towards cost of new fridge freezer received as well as invitation to use new facilities. Trip out to look at what's on offer to be planned with a view to holding event/s there to capture wider audience.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DM informed Council that members accepted the membership application from Peter Kidman and Council agreed that he be welcomed at the next meeting.

TREASURER UPDATE

Council formally endorsed JS as the Club's new Interim Treasurer and assured him that he would be fully supported in his new challenging role. JS tabled the Monthly Report for August 2022 (attached). JS asked that henceforth any members who need to make a contribution to the Club do so in the middle 2 weeks of the month avoiding the last few days of the month if at all possible.

GRANT APPLICATION "INFORMATION BOARDS ALONG THE ARLE"

Council very supportive in light of our significant involvement over the past few years. The new signage would continue to showcase Alresford Rotary's input for many years to the public that visits the area. JP to let Jan Field know about our contribution and to find out how their fundraising is progressing.

Agreed to donate £500.

From: [Jan Field](#)

Sent: 19 August 2022 09:19

To: [jon pittam](#)

Subject: The Arle: History, Heritage & Future

I have been preparing a grant application to the Town Council for a £1000 grant towards the information boards along the Arle. Our Treasurer (Colin Scott-Morton) is completing some financial information required.

I have recently rechecked pricing and £8000 (inc. VAT) still seems about

right, although rising costs of manufacturing could increase this.
We hope we will get the maximum from the W&W project - £5000
If we get this, we still need some £3000 in addition.
The Alresford Society will put in £1000 and I will also ask the Town Trust.
I would also like to approach Rotary. As you have been closely involved
in this project and also the bequest from Mike & Bridget Newitt to
conserve the Arle, I thought I would seek your views first.
If we can include pledges of support in the final application to the W&W
project, it will be an important way of demonstrating our commitment.
Kind regards.
Jan
01962 735227

ALRESFORD SCARECROW TRAIL 2022

Council felt that this was of limited interest to the Club

St John's are starting to plan for an Alresford Scarecrow Trail - Saturday
1st October 2022. The aim is for this to be a fun community event rather
than a fundraiser as such although any funds raised will go to the
church.

So far I have emailed the Forum the following information:

"We need lots of scarecrows to make this a successful community
event!

All local schools, businesses, community groups, streets and residents
are invited to join in.

Why not get creative over the summer to plan and make a truly
fabulous scarecrow ready to display. There is no theme – use your
imagination – we just ask that sustainable, eco-friendly and/or recycled
materials are used for your creation.

Further information about this event will be in next month's issue. In the
meantime, if you would like to enter a Scarecrow, please
email alresfordscarecrow@gmail.com to register your interest.
Suggested Scarecrow entry donation £10 for businesses / £5 for group,
school, family, street, individual.'

Rosie Waring Green will be sending information out to local businesses
etc. and we are hoping to drum up some support in the way of
sponsorship for prizes and/or scarecrow entries. Would you be
interested in entering a Scarecrow/s and also would you be happy to
help advertise the event?

All the best

Nolly

On behalf of St John's Church, Alresford

PAKISTAN APPEAL

Council very mindful of the devastating impact of the recent floods and agreed an initial donation of £1000.

ALRESFORD SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB

Council agreed to an initial donation of £100 but agreed that JR seek further info regarding request to determine if Club can be of further help.

Dear Rotary

Hurray - Lunch Club is re-starting on 6th October back in The Methodist Hall following repairs to the roof. The members are looking forward to a social lunch gathering again with friends they have not seen for some time.

The cost of meals has increased from £6.50 to £8.50 and Methodist Hall rental from £25 to £36 per session.

The rental is normally paid from club funds but with the increase that is unsustainable. So, to help with funds we are asking members to contribute £1 each towards the rental costs which means asking members £9.50 each for their lunch.

The effect of a higher price may affect numbers, and with that, compound the pressure on club funds to cover the fixed cost of the meals and Hall.

So, to keep the price at £8.50 could you help with the cost of the Hall?

The rental between 6th October to 1st December - 9 weeks = £324.

We are hoping you can help the situation with a donation to boost our funds and rescue the Lunch Club so we can offer the members their lunch @ £8.50.

We are advertising in the Forum, The Voice, in Shops in the area and the Surgery which should help to attract new members as we need to build numbers again following the Pandemic.

The members enjoyed an afternoon tea at Cardew House on the 5th August and raised £125.00 towards club funds.
We are hoping to have a fundraiser when everyone is in circulation after holidays etc.

Thanks for your consideration.

Best wishes

Liz Garton

On behalf of

ASCLC

MONDAY MEET AND EAT

Council agreed to an initial donation of £100 but agreed that James Pinniger seek further info regarding request to determine if Club can be of further help.

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you in your roles with; Rotary, The Pigs, Friends of St John's, Mothers Union and the town council, to ask for your help and support.

Everyone is beginning to feel the pinch with the fuel crisis.

We at St John's church are about to begin a weekly event in the John Pearson Hall, to provide a free hot meal to families with children. Every Monday from 3.45pm the hall will be open to receive families straight from school, drinks will be provided and quiet activities like board games puzzles etc.
Then we will serve a simple hot meal from 4.45pm.

This will be free.

We really need some help.

We need practical help with people on rota's to do: Cooking the meal on Mondays, making cakes, jellies and other simple puds, washing up etc
We need gifts/loans of board games and puzzles
We need donations of cash.

Are you and your organisation able to assist us?

We would be grateful for any help you are able to give. I am more than willing to meet with you to discuss this further please do be in touch.

Thank you

Take care

Heather

*Reverend Heather Brearey
Rector of the Arle Valley Benefice
Tel. 01962 732105*

DISTRICT OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

Any members wishing to be nominated need to use form already circulated and seek AC's input.

DISTRICT 1110 CONFERENCES

DM still happy to offer a lift to any member who wishes to attend the Conference on the 8 October.

ALRESFORD SHOW

Email from organising committee received to thank Club members of their invaluable help and support.

Dear Paul

What a day! Perfect weather for a day in the countryside, and after the covid restrictions of the last couple of years, people responded in their thousands! We think it was a record year for the number of visitors: the showground was pretty full for much of the day and even the car parks were full by late afternoon. All in all a great day to renew acquaintances with old friends, and meet new ones.

On behalf of myself, the Chairman and Members of the Society I write to thank you and your colleagues for manning the horse crossing gates at the Show again this year. We are very grateful to you for your support.

I hope that you enjoyed the day and will be able to come to the Show again next year.

Kind regards

Val

MOUNTBATTEN HAMPSHIRE INVITATION

JR to thank for kind invitation to Cocktails/Canapes.

To the Members of the Rotary Club of Alresford,

My name is Rebecca and I am the Community Fundraiser for Mountbatten Hampshire. I am emailing regarding an invitation from our CEO Mr Nigel Hartley.

We are delighted to invite two representatives to an evening of Cocktails and Canapés on Tuesday, 13 September as we celebrate 45 years of hospice care across our communities.

When our hospice opened in 1977, it was only the second of its kind in the UK. Today, Mountbatten Hampshire (formerly Countess Mountbatten Hospice), Hampshire's oldest and largest hospice, supports on average 1,000 people on any one day, 24 hours a day 7 days a week within their own homes across Southampton City and large parts of Hampshire. Our building in the West End of Southampton supports this work through inpatient care, self-help and rehabilitation programmes and psychological and bereavement support. We also lead the challenging but necessary community conversation about death, dying, and bereavement.

As an independent charity, we need to raise around £10m each year just to continue what we do and we know that the need for our services will grow by 40% over the next few years. It is thanks to the generosity of our supporters that we can grow our services to reach more people than ever before.

We hope you are able to join us as we reflect on the past 45 years and share our vision for our future within your community.

I have attached the formal invitation to this email.

Please RSVP by 6th September to Sally Pownall:

sally.pownall@mountbatten.org.uk

01983 217369

I hope that you can join us, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Rebecca

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPS

AC to inform District Council that AC and DM are the reps and that the DMS RIBI Template website will be updated along with the name of our new Treasurer.

AOB

- Postponement of next Meeting. Next meeting on the 19th cancelled and postponed to the 26th September.
- Date of next Council meeting still to be agreed.
- Paul Watters to be asked to organise Christmas meal at the Swan in December.
- Council fully supportive of request for help with cost of bus pass and agreed to a contribution of £150. JP offered to speak to Sue Alexander to find out how much they have put together so far.

Thank you Jonathan for replying so quickly.

In brief, I am a trustee for the Winchester Villages Trust and we have had an application from a family in Mitford Road wanting help in purchasing a bus pass for the academic year so that their autistic son of 16 can travel from Alresford to Sparsholt for the one year horticulture course he has been offered. The daily fare is £13.80 so the Sparsholt pass at £745.00 is great value. To find

that lump sum is a lot. Both parents work, one as a lorry driver and the other for a charity. Income is £2,000.00 and council rent £525.00 pcm. There are 2 other siblings one also with autism. They have lost DLA allowance now their son is 16 and have applied for PIP and are awaiting an outcome which they think will probably be negative. The criteria are stiffer.

WVT is not able to fund the full pass so I have contacted you and the PIGS to see if it something we could share the cost of. The PIGS say they will be able to help but I am waiting for further contact to discuss the amount they could contribute.

If you have time to discuss this tomorrow, before you go away, then my number is 01962 730243. Early call probably best. Otherwise I will wait to hear from you on Monday and hope you enjoy your week end away.

With very grateful thanks

Sue

Post meeting note: following contact with Sue Council has agreed to increase the donation to £245, matching the PIGS and WVT donations.