

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING 14TH DECEMBER 2022

David Marshall DM Andrew Castillo AC Peter Kidman PK Jon Pittam JP

Apologies Jonathan Read JR

- **Matters from previous Council meeting/s:**
 - SunHill Accreditation: fee paid £200+VAT
 - MercyShips: Donation £500 (which is being matched by an independent source)
 - Christmas Day Lunch: “work in progress”. Invoice/s yet to be presented (approx. £300)
 - Senior Citizens Lunches: No invoice yet received. JR to chase up as we agreed to fund hall rental for 10 weeks.
 - Ropley Church: £50 payment to be made to Hans W for materials to complete Christmas Crib etc being donated to RC. DM and HW attending handover
 - Watercress Festival: Still unclear whether we have the full support of all/majority of members. Stephen Pinch to negotiate a more realistic fee for our “whole day and whole club input”. Council believed £1000 was the ballpark sum to then be in a position to “encourage members” to support. Otherwise, “thanks, but no thanks”. Discussion and final decision at January Business Meeting.
 - Kids Out Day: For info, email from District follows.

Sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries for the Clubs which have not yet contributed to Kids Out 2022

Dear Andrew Unfortunately there does not appear to be any record of your Club's payment for the very successful Kids Out day on Wednesday 8th June 2022. The Youth Levy agreed at Council earlier in the year was for the Youth Competitions and RYLA, and did not include Kids Out or the Young Carer's weekends. I ask if your Club's donation of £300 could please be sent to the Rotary District 1110 bank account the details of which are: 'Wessex Rotary CIO', Sort Code 20-11-43, Account number 23520218. Please add the reference 'Club name KOut' eg 'Wareham KOut' (please note that if you start this with 'Rotary Club of' it is unlikely that your actual name will show on the reference, and then we will still not know that you have paid 😞) The District Kids Out account is severely depleted as only 18 Clubs have paid so far, so this sadly puts future years in jeopardy. If you think that you have already paid, please

come back to me (debbiedunford148@gmail.com) with the date of payment, and which account this was paid into.

No clear record of Club being asked/agreeing to the £300 donation. DM to chat to District Council. PK to look back into last 5 years accounts. PK post meeting note follows:

Kids Out

16/17 Nil

17/18 £300 donation £120 event expenses

18/19 £300 donation £163.28 expenses

19/20 £300 donation

20/21 £100 for Toy Box appeal

21/22 £100 Christmas appeal

The request from District was for £300 on 8th June 2022, i.e. in the last Rotary financial year. We have finalised our 21/22 accounts so it seems reasonable to consider that we may have further request for £300 in June 2023, making £600 this financial year.

Youth Levy

I can't see anything in the account records for a Youth Levy. Do you know whether was this included as part of District Fees, either for this year and/or previous ones?

- **Treasurer's update:** File attached. PK to seek new Independent Advisers to oversee Club accounts.
- **President Elect candidates:** Following requests for expression of interest in becoming President Elect for 2024, James Pinniger will be proposed at the SGM. (AC indicated that he would be happy to carry on in his current post as did PK)
- **New member 'engagement':** DM has chatted to the recent new members encouraging them to each engage in one of the Club's events to enhance their integration into the Club.
- **New event ideas for summer 23:** DM felt that there was a gap in our events calendar in Jan/Feb and July/August and he is setting up a working party to come up with new ideas.
- **Meetings structure 23:** Some members expressed a wish that our meeting structure should change and Council supported this. DM will be opening each meeting with a few standard words of welcome and closing the meeting with "Rotary and Peace the World Over".
- **"Buddying":** AC referred to the approach to buddying and supporting guidelines drawn up by DM. Files attached. AC reiterated his approach to "buddying" as

proportionate to the Club size and experience of the Club members. DM wished the buddying guidelines to be followed and adapted if required.

- **Car Boot Sale**: Council supported the club's involvement in the annual car boot sale which is on the 2nd July 2023. More details to follow in due course.
- **THE SWAN Christmas Bonus**: Council agreed that the £400 tip should come out of the Club Account. The Club should debate and decide at one of the future business meetings how members should contribute once the Club Account funds were depleted.
- **High Viz Yellow Jackets**: Council agreed that these were not required. However, if any member wished to purchase one the cost was £40.

- **Donation requests**

- **Purple Community Fund Free Range Farm**: Council not supportive.
- **Food plant Solutions Rotary Action Group**: Council not supportive.
- Wessex Heartbeat: Request is for £500 per year for 3 years. Business meeting to decide if we should go ahead. DM to circulate all members with all info.
- Food Bank: JP to provide more info about the Trussell Trust for Council to discuss at the next meeting.

- **AOB**

- Club Directory NOT to include names of partners.

- **Dates of next meetings**

19/12/22 SGM and Christmas Dinner

04/01/23 Curry Night

14/01/23 Dan Snow

16/01/23 Get together at The Swan

23/01/23 Business meeting at The Swan

25/01/23 Burns Night at The Globe

Next Council Meeting is on 13/02/23 Venue and time to be agreed.