

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

David Marshall (DM) President  
Andrew Castillo (AC) Secretary  
Jon Pittam (JP) President Elect  
Peter Kidman (PK) Treasurer  
Jonathan Read (JR) Immediate Past President

- Membership Update: Council noted that Stephen Pinch was likely to be unable to attend any meetings for some time considering his recent surgery and wished him a speedy recovery. The Club welcomed another new member (VM) recently and was hoping to enrol a further new member at the next meeting. Council recognised and applauded the fact that we have a very high percentage of “active members” which compared very favourably with other clubs in the District.
- Treasurer’s report: PK tabled the Monthly report as at 14/11/22 as well as the Trust Account Record of Donations. Files attached.
- Alresford Rotary Plan 2022/23. Council agreed to adopt the plan as previously circulated.
- Club Uniform update: Council noted that all feedback from members had been positive. Thanks to the uniform team again noted. Members asked to determine if they can wear their HV tabard OVER their own weatherproof jacket/coat obviating the need for further expense. Those members who found that the Tabard was too tight fitting should opt for a large size tabard. Meantime the uniform team is exploring the cost of a HV weatherproof coat with Rotary roundel.
- Inventory of assets: DM is compiling an inventory of the Club’s assets. Any members who have club assets that DM is not yet aware of need to notify him. It was agreed that it was not cost effective to try and get insurance for the contents of the container. The Club Bell needs locating.
- Christmas Tree sale. Council accepted PW’s plans for the event. File attached. Council advised members to consider acting as deputies to the leads for the club’s main events to ensure we have timely succession plans in place
- NATT/MIDAS: Council considered the paper from PW (attached). It was agreed that ALL Rotarians who volunteered to drive the NATT minibus

should be MIDAS accredited. Ideally NATT should pay the fee (£90+VAT) but the Club would do so if no such funding was forthcoming.

- Watercress Festival 2023: Council supported the decisions of the lead for this event on how the Club could support the event on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
- SGM: AC will send out notification of the SGM by close of play on the 15<sup>th</sup> November along with the agenda for the meeting.
- Requests for donations:
  - MERCY SHIPS: DM proposed that we donate £500 to this worthwhile cause (<https://www.mercyships.org.uk>). Agreed. DM to action.
  - Sponsoring Senior Lunch Club: further to our previous donation Council agreed to further support this by initially paying for 10 weeks rental of the Methodist Hall where the lunches are held (£36x10 = £360). JR to action.
  - SHJS: DM had a meeting with Amy discussing the various ways we can be of assistance (see below). Council agreed to pay the accreditation fees (£200+VAT) subject to RCoFA getting due recognition. Re the gardening of the school plot, members opinions are being sought as well as NewLeaf. DM also to look further into what we can do regarding the Youth Competitions.

I followed up after the poetry judging and met Amy today.

She is interested in applying for the School Environmental Accreditation (ECO Schools Green Flag Accreditation). As part of this there are several ways Rotary can help:

1. Help guide the kids on gardening their school plot (JS expertise plus some of us with green fingers. Although I said we could not commit to every week maybe we can cover part of the year if others are in it too (with a teacher).
2. Litter picking. They would need more litter picker devices and we could lend ours for a specific day/s. Or involve a few kids in our litter pick days.
3. Cost of accreditation. They need £200 + VAT

If we help they are willing to mention us as sponsors in all the promotion and at the awarding day of the accreditation

I propose we support giving the monies, provided we get assurance of Rotary being recognized as agreed. This is a nice link to our environmental focus. Litter picker devices are ok but we need to get them back sharpish... Finally we show interest in helping with the garden and overall advice if James S is willing but reluctant and not committing to regular garden duty. We can check Rotarian interest.

### **Competitions**

I mentioned the Rotary Competitions and SHJS are interested in Young Artist and Young Cook. I know you have done the latter before. Our commitment would be for small prizes and judging only. I have the district deadlines and these are in Feb/March but Amy could arrange the former for January after holidays and Cooking on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Overall I am keen to reengage with SHJS and this are a few small ways to show willing.

I welcome your input to the above. I will be able to share with Council tonight.

- Alresford and Cheriton Scouts: Council confirmed the decision taken earlier by email that we would donate £150 and then a further £100 after they had helped us at the Christmas Tree Sale.
- Volunteers: Council agreed that the Club hosts all volunteers that have helped over the recent past at a drinks do at the Swan on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- NATC Youth Engagement Survey: Following on from the chat with Andy Sprott during the post bonfire clearing up session Council agreed to invite him to the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December to give a talk on the Survey findings with a view to the club considering supporting the improvements in facilities for youths.
- Dates of next meetings:
  - 16<sup>th</sup> November Kyoto Meal out
  - 21<sup>st</sup> November Business meeting and meal at the Swan
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> December Christmas tree sale
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December Drinks for Volunteers, Andy Sprott guest speaker and meal at The Swan
  - 12<sup>th</sup> December Council
  - 19<sup>th</sup> December SGM and Christmas meal at the Swan
  - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Curry Night at the Pots in Cheriton (to be confirmed)
- AOB:
  - DM keen for us to organise a Christmas Song contest in conjunction with Perins school. Council agreed in principle to support this.
  - Members who know of any good speakers who can be invited please let DM/AC know. We have a speaker booked in for the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.