

Minutes of Club Council Meeting : Thursday 11 July 2013

6.30pm : Tresillian House

*Present :* Mrs D Osborne (DO) ; Mr E Hall (EH) ; Mr W Hill (WH) ; Mrs J Joseph Hinde (JJH); Mr D Morris (DM) ; Mrs A Blythe (AB)

*Apologies :* Received from Mr R Abbott, Ms J Foreman, Mr R Haines, Mr R McCord, Mr I Neale, Mr D Ward

*Minutes of the Last Meeting :* Agreed by all

*Matters Arising :* There were no matters other than items that were on the Agenda

As JJH had another appointment her items were raised first.

*Rotary Life Education :* JJH reported and distributed accounts duly received from RLE and which had been requested by the Club before any agreed donation be made. JJH also reported that the bank account had been moved from Halifax to Barclays as it was deemed easier to manage and more appropriate for the nature of RLE. Committee consists of EH, Mrs A Holland, JJH, IN (representing the Raynes Trust), Mr H Davis, Mr B Cragg and Mr D Sharpe. DS also serves as a Trustee for Leicestershire Life Education. BC handles the accounts and HD the secretarial.

BH queried the costs of the project and JJH explained this was invoiced by Leicestershire County Council at a set amount per child. It costs more in the County than in the City, and the rural villages will be an increased cost.

JJH asked if the agreed amount for 2012/2013 could be paid. Members agreed although concerned that this was being dealt with without any form of itemised MM accounts being available. DO said that she would like to support the project for 2013/2014 but this would be dependent on the District grant application outcome.

*Home Start* JJH ask if the transfer of agreed donation of £800 held in ComVoc account for Home Start could be proposed at the next business meeting for onward transfer. Again concern was raised about the lack of knowledge of the current financial situation. Agreed the donation should be made and would be proposed at next business meeting.

*Communication* JJH noted that Mr P Knowles and Mr G Howling had joined the committee. B Glancy has prepared a flow chart for the suggested procedure to follow in organising of events. JJH to circulate to all committee chairs.

BG had also prepared a list of potential sources for free advertising and this will be circulated to committee chairs for comments. Meeting was successful.

Suggested that all committee minutes should have action points and dates listed en bloc at beginning or end for ease of reference.

Also suggested that minutes should be taken of the club business meetings, particularly identifying where decisions/votes taken on specific subjects/donations.

#### *Secretary's Report*

Leave of absence requested by

J Dehnel (until 29 July) : J Carrington (22 July – 9 September) : J Horne (29 July – 2 September). All agreed.

Equality & Diversity Policy Document : Club Council agreed to accept and DO duly signed.

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Committee members were concerned that no figures or financial statement were available at the meeting and therefore it is difficult to make any informed financial decisions. An up-to-date full statement should be available as soon as possible. Committee asked DO to speak/meet with B McC as soon as possible. Also to ask that chairman of various committees should all have sight of the full accounts. It was suggested that when presenting requests for fund payments to the club, the associated committee chair should make short explanation to the club so people are more informed on what they are voting on before the Treasurer asks for agreement. It was agreed to pay Melton in Bloom £50, it being a worthwhile project and with the speaker coming at short notice. EH said that it would be better if there were a set amount per speaker. AB thought it would not be appropriate to publish the accounts on the website – even in the members area. They should be available in hard copy should any member wish to see them.

*JHH excused herself from the rest of the meeting.*

#### *Diary*

Charter Night confirmed for 17 March 2014. BH noted that if held on a different day of the week there would be wider range of venue opportunities. The possibility of this being a Sunday lunch event in future was raised. BH would put these suggestions to the Club to sound out opinion. He advised that the Halloween celebration be re-instated and discussions were taking place with SKH. District Quiz is 11 September. DO noted that the AGM date for 2014 needed to be fixed soon.

#### *Club Service*

Meeting held on 4 July. Fund Raising team working in groups with specific responsibility for certain events e.g. R Edwards – Santa Fun Run with co-opted members. B Abbott – proms at Greetham Gold Club 7 September. Lists from committees required to assess fund raising requirements.

Members welfare : DO to co-ordinate with Peter Briggs.

Archive meeting : 30 September. List of assets needs to be updated and S Jeal to look at whether insurance is adequate.

Interact : D Morris aiming to have funds available so that if members joined a RR MM club event the main club would not have to support them financially. Interact

have own Treasurer and Secretary. DM to check that books corrected audited and oversee change in signatories on account.

*Foundation* AB reported that she had submitted DG applications for matching grants for International (£500 for Philippines water testing) and for ComVoc (£1000 for Leicester Life Education). She knew that a query had been raised because we have not completed the Osprey project. The grant pot was undersubscribed at the last meeting.

*International* BH has had a successful meeting with Tim Mackrill at Rutland and learnt that the 2 schools already in contact with the project in the Gambia do not have any computer equipment with which to follow the project. It is suggested therefore that we look at moving forward with these existing contacts, with a view to supplying desk tops instead of lap tops (less easy to be borrowed). JD had suggested sourcing equipment within the country to avoid complicated importation if possible. It is hoped to have a programme to proceed in place quickly to present to the District grants committee to help the release of DG for 2013/14. AB had written to Senegal assistant DG's with one email returned but the other currently being followed up in Senegal.

AB also reported that Uppingham School had replied positively but cautiously regarding involvement in the proposed concert at St Mary's Church, 17 October 2014. A meeting in school is scheduled for September after the summer break.

*Youth* Nothing to report

*ComVoc* Leicestershire Life raised earlier by JHH

*Fund Raising* See notes under Club Service

*Membership* DM advised that new Sports Hall at Asfordby Road is booked as venue for Membership Drive meeting. Aurora and Belvoir clubs have asked to join. DM says he does not object to this as it widens the options for membership to all, but main object is to increase MM membership. It is essential that every member should attend and bring at least one guest. (3 line whip). A charge of £5 per MM member would be made to cover cost of wine and cheese. Guests will not pay.

*A.O.B.* DO had received notification of the proposed reorganisation of districts. WH and DM asked to attend the meeting with her. Committee felt the clubs in Vale of Belvoir would be better linked to MM district.

Voting for DG. 3 nominations : J Dehnel, Mrs J Cooke and T Tucker. Voting paper completed in the above noted order of preference.

*Date of Next Meeting* Thursday 8 August at the former Plough Inn, Scalford (President Diana's house) as I will be away

*Meeting closed at 20.25*