



**Minutes of the District Council Meeting
Thursday 3rd March 2016**

Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel Corby

District Governor Geoff Blurton

Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting – Thursday March 3rd 2016

District Governor (DG) Geoff Blurton chaired the meeting, which was held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel commencing at 7.30p.m.

There were 113 Rotarians present from 54 Clubs (Area A 8; Area B 7; Area C 12. Area D 7; Area E 10; Area F 5; e-Club 0 Visitors including D1270 5; Clubs represented).

C 15/16.47 Apologies and Welcome

DG Geoff welcomed all those present to the final District Council of 2015/16 Rotary Year, and asked those Rotarians attending a District Council meeting for the first time to stand and be recognized. Past DGs were also recognized.

Apologies were received from:

Past DGs: Iain Vernon, John Hockin, Roger May, Linda May, Terry Watts and Barry Hasdell.

Rotary Clubs of Bradgate, Oadby Launde, Boston St Botolph.

Rtns David Knight, Zeldia Gunn, Sue Easton, Elaine Vandelli, Joyce Boddey, Steven Warren, Kathleen Hayes, Fred Williams, Judith Pearson, John Clayton and Steve Howe.

C15/16.48 Act of Remembrance

All those present stood in remembrance of those Rotarians who had passed to higher service since the previous Council Meeting and DG Geoff read out the names:

Rtns Geof Nichols (South Holland), Paul Ashmore (Sleaford Kesteven), Brian Benford (Lutterworth Wycliffe), John Foster (Stamford Burleigh), Sue Hampshire (Brackley), Philip Brudenell (Oundle) and Alan Bothamley (Peterborough).

C15/16.49 Minutes of the Last District Council Meeting Held on 27 November.

There were no questions or comments. A motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

Proposed: PDG Chris Chew (South Holland)

Seconded: AG Elaine Sefton (Huntingdon Cromwell)

C15/16.50 Matters Arising

The District Secretary re-presented the Scarborough Conference Accounts on behalf of the District Executive. These accounts had been rejected at the July District Council Meeting and following further investigation and clarification, had been represented at the additional District Council Meeting in November. This was in breach of standing orders that required a 6 month period before they should have been represented. Copies of the accounts were available for those who wished to reacquaint themselves with the detail. There were no questions regarding the Accounts. The DS reiterated that these accounts had been previously presented to District Council erroneously but they had not conformed to the 6 month Standing Orders Rule. A motion to approve the Scarborough Conference Accounts was carried with 4 against.

The DS noted the comments made by PDG Barry Hasdell as to procedural errors.

Proposed: Rtn Bob Parfitt (Wellingborough Hatton)

Seconded: AG Elaine Sefton (Huntingdon Cromwell)

C15/16.51 District Governors Report

Much of the DG Report had already been circulated in Drumbeat. The Committees. He requested Rtn Bill Hill to present the Bournemouth Conference Accounts. The Independent Examiner had verified the accounts and they had been circulated to all Clubs. It was clear that lessons from Scarborough had been fully learned; A motion to approve the accounts was approved unanimously.

Proposed: Rtn Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray)
Seconded: DGE John Dehnel. (Melton Mowbray)

C15/16.52 DGE Report

It was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to enable new delegates from D1270 to exercise a vote.

Proposed: PDG Dick Parsley (Wellingborough Hatton)
Seconded: Rtn Roger Chivall (Hinckley Ambion)

DGE John presented a very short brief about Rotary 2016/17 for which the logo of Rotary Serving Humanity is being used. He noted that the end of the next Rotary Year would mark the Centenary of Foundation.

In July 9 Clubs from D1270 will be joining D1070. This has led to thoughts about Area structures. A proposal to structure Area A into East and West segments to allow for Clubs joining from D1270 had been discussed by all the D1270 Clubs and existing Area A Clubs and the East west structure was very much the preferred option. A motion to approve this structure was carried unanimously,

Proposed: DGE John Dehnel (Melton Mowbray)
Seconded: AG Bill Martindale (Sleaford Kesteven)

C15/15.53 District Secretary

The DS informed Council that the usual meeting to prepare first year Secretaries and Treasurers to prepare them for District Assembly, would be held at The Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby, on April 23rd. Formal notice of the meeting will be sent out shortly.

The “handshake” between the Global and Template databases should have happened by now but has not yet done so. It grows ever closer.

C15/16.54 District Treasurers (DT) Report

Standing Orders continued as suspended for this agenda item. The Treasurers Report and accounts have been submitted and circulated to Clubs. The DT presented the accounts up to Dec 2015 and there were no questions.

There followed some discussion about the budget for 2016/17. PDG Chris Chew (South Holland) raised the point that apparently some Clubs in D1270 had requested that reserves accrued at District should be returned to them when the District closed. The 1270 DG pointed out that General Council had discussed the question of dispersal of funds when a district ceased to exist. General Council had now directed that reserves should be passed to the District receiving the Clubs in direct proportion to the number

of Rotarians joining that District. The DT emphasised that any reserves transferred to D1070 would not affect the budget although it may have an impact on reserves.

A motion to set the capitation fee at £30 was carried unanimously.

Proposed: DT Eric Lennox (Kettering Huxloe)
Seconded: Rtn Robin Green (Northampton West)

C15/16.55 Assistant Governors' Reports

Written reports had been circulated for each Area and the following additional comments were made:

Area D. Rtn John Saunders (Leicester) presented a short brief about the Rotary Club of Leicester Centenary Celebration Plans. Clubs will receive confirmation of arrangements in due course. The Club had chosen as their main project a refurbishment of Bradgate Park Visitors Centre and they have almost reached their target. Work has already started.

Events will include a Centenary ADAM Golf Tournament to be held at the Leicestershire Golf Club on 15 June. Details will be issued to Clubs in due course. This will be followed with a Centenary Walk that will be a non-stop relay walk of the Leicestershire Round between 17 – 19th June. Details for this event will also be issued in due course.

Finally, a special Centenary Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel in Leicester on 10 October 2016. This dinner will be limited to 300 attendees.

Area E DGN Chris Davies informed DC that the International Camp noted under the Youth Liaison part of her brief will not happen in 2016.

C15/16.56 Foundation

There were no questions raised about the Foundation Brief. However, DC was briefed that Rtn Stephen Bath (Sleaford) had cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats raising over £3000. As a result, 2 cheques were presented: Foundation, £1000 and End Polio, also £1000.

Rtn Trevor Davies (Brackley), Foundation Chair, will be handing over to Rtn Irvin Metcalfe (Grantham) in July. The incoming Chair presented the DDF Share Proposal. There was some discussion concerning Foundation monies accrued by D1270 Clubs joining D1070. Any such monies would follow.

It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow D1270 Clubs to vote concerning DDF Share Proposal

Proposed: PDG Chris Chew (South Holland)
Seconded: DGE John Dehnel (Melton Mowbray)

With 1 abstention, the DDF proposal was carried.

SOs was reinstated.

C15/16.57 Project Teams' Reports.

- a. Youth Service. Although the Briefing Paper had only just been put in the baskets, there were no questions.
- b. Rotaract. The Corby Charter which had been planned for 8 March, has been put back until 12 April.
- c. Community Nothing to add.
- d. International. Nothing to add.

C15/16.58 Support Teams Chairmen's Reports

- e. Communications. Rtn Jessica Shailes (Welland Valley) has put in a great deal of effort in redesigning the District Website. A training programme is being worked out to enable Committee Chairs to update sites pertinent to their role.
- f. Vocational service. Nil to report
- g. Leadership Development and Training. Nil to report.
- h. Membership. Rtn Rodney Spokes (Leicester) gave a short briefing about Rotary Fellowships of which there are 62 in existence including: caravanning, flying and cycling.
- i. New Club Formation. Wreake Valley initiative is progressing well.
- j. Council on Legislation. PDG Dick Parsley (Wellingborough Hatton) noted that the Council on Legislation is now only a month away. There will be a pre-meeting for interested parties at Corby on 15 March at 7.30p.m. A briefing on the COL outcomes will be given to Secretaries at District Assembly.

C15/16.59 Conference

- 1. Nottingham. Following some discussion, a motion to carry over a surplus of £3600 from Bournemouth Conference to Nottingham was approved.

Proposed: Rtn Bill Hill (Melton Mowbray)
Seconded: Rtn Louise Willis (Kettering Tresham)

- 2. Llandudno. The Conference Centre has been booked. The Conference Hotel has 65 rooms some of which will be bookable by delegates.

C15/16.60 Next Meeting

The next District Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18 July 2016 at Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel commencing at 7.30p.m.

C15/16.61 Any Other Business

It was noted that the location of the hotel for PEPS might become the venue for other meetings because of its more central location.

AG Elaine Sefton (Huntingdon Cromwell) emphasized to all attendees the need to keep Rotary Club Central up-to-date.

Several Clubs were closely involved with Disability Games. Rtn Bill Watson (Shepshed Charnwood) assured the meeting that this had been taken up by the Community Team.

As this was the final DC Meeting in this Rotary Year,IPDG Ken Billington (Grantham Kesteven) lead a vote of thanks to DG Geoff for the strong leadership of the District during his year in office.