



# **Minutes of the District Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 29th September 2015**

**Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel  
Corby**

**District Governor Geoff Blurton**

## **Rotary International District 1070 Council Meeting – Tuesday 29th September 2015**

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 98 Rotarians present from 56 Clubs (Area A9; Area B9; Area C .9 Area D9; Area E10; Area F 10;]

### **C 15/16.17 Apologies and Welcome**

DG Geoff welcomed all those present 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, B Hasdell

**The Rotary Clubs** of Peterborough and Corby

**Rotarians:** District Treasurer Eric Lennox, Assistant District Secretary Alastair Wood, AG Area A Bill Martindale, Rtn's Geoff Richardson, Joyce Boddey, David Knight, Roger Bowden, Jim Guthrie, Moira Bartlett

### **C15/16.18 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:

Rtn,s David Thompson (Kettering)

Mike Steele (Rushden)

Harold Hall (Blaby)

### **C15/16.19 Minutes of the Last District Council Meeting**

Approval of the Minutes was Proposed by PDG Roger May (Lutterworth Wycliffe) and Seconded by PDG Ken Mackellar (Stamford Burghley) and agreed unanimously.

### **C15/16.20 Matters Arising**

There were no matter Arising which were not noted in the Agenda.

### **C15/16. 21 Additional District Council only 6 weeks since last reports were submitted to reports requested for this meeting council would only receive updates and additions**

### **C15/16.22 District Governor's Report**

DG Geoff commented on the recent Conference at Bournemouth. Speakers had expressed their delight at being part of such an enjoyable Conference. DG Geoff thanked those who had attended and asked for the 3 outstanding RIBI voting consoles to be handed in to RIBI

DG Geoff then moved to the principle reason for the additional District Council meeting, to vote on the acceptance of the nine Clubs who have chosen to join District 1070 when District 1270 'winds up' at the end of this Rotary year

Apparently the previous list of some 20 Clubs had not been issued with the consent of the Clubs, hence the revised and agreed total.

DGE John displayed a map showing the additional 9 Clubs demonstrating the change to the centre of the District towards Stamford.

DG Geoff made it clear that RI would still have to approve the proposal later this year

PDG Richard Hyde observed that District meetings and to some extent Conference would need to recognize these changes. Various opinions from the floor as to the need to

accept our new intake warmly were expressed and also the AG Areas could then be assessed.

PDG Chris Chew proposed that the 9 'new' Clubs be integrated into our Area structure, this was seconded by PDG Linda May.

Considerable debate ensued and the upshot was a feeling on the floor that the Clubs themselves should be consulted after the initial addition of the Clubs as an additional 'Area' PDG Dick Parsley reminded Council that the objective was firstly for 1070 to approve the 9 Clubs from District 1270 joining District 1070.

In light of the feeling PDG Chris Chew withdrew his proposition but it had initiated some valuable discussion.

DGN Chris Davies and PDG Dick Parsley would be part of the 'Harmonisation Team' as mentioned at the District Council in July

A vote was then taken to 'accept' the 9 Clubs into District 1070 and was passed unanimously.

### **C15/15.23 District Secretary**

The District Secretary called for the remaining RIBI Compliance statements to be signed and returned to him ASAP. Several Clubs had requested additional District Directories and said Directories were available for collection this evening as had been previously circulated. Old Directories could be left with the DS for secure disposal

### **C15/16.24 District Treasurer's Report**

The District Treasurer had given his apologies and there was no report

### **C15/16 24.1 Matters from District Executive to be referred to Council Scarborough Conference Accounts**

DG Geoff explained to council that following council's referral back of the Scarborough Conference Accounts Conference Manager Neville Thompson and IPDG Ken Billington had been present at the District Executive on the 1<sup>st</sup> September to explain the issues that concerned Council

Standing Orders had been overlooked and it was apparent that certain practices had evolved without the 'transparency' required.

Apologies were given and lessons had been learned. The Bournemouth Conference Committee had taken due note of the requirements.

Executive accepted that in the delivery of a first class Conference certain procedures had not been adhered to.

DG Geoff went on to say that District Executive were the 'elected body' to administer and control the District Activities and unless Council wished to address either Neville Thompson or Ken Billington, neither of whom were present then the Issue could be resolved this evening instead of the November Council Meeting.

Martin Wragg of Oadby expressed disappointment that the letter from his Club had not been dealt with. DG Geoff acknowledged this but promised to send a letter detailing what had taken place during the Executive Meeting.

The question of 'signing off' Conference Cheques by members of the Conference Committee was questioned, DG Geoff would enquire as to the accounting procedures It was proposed by Jon Blundell (Stamford St Martins) and seconded by PDG Roger May (Lutterworth Wycliffe) that the accounts be passed

The vote resulted in 87 in favour, 3 against and 8 abstentions

### **C15/16.25 Assistant Governors' Reports**

Nothing to add to previous reports

DGE John Dehnel announced the results of the 3 outstanding AG Elections for 2016/17  
Area A Peter Berry, Area D Les Aldrich, Area F Trevor Davies  
DG Geoff offered congratulations to the successful candidate and commiserations to those who had missed out this time

#### **C15/16.26 Foundation**

Foundation Chair Trevor Davies spoke to his report reference the RIBI project 'Fresh Start' to benefit disadvantaged young people  
DG Geoff then presented the 'Terry Watts Salver' to Corby Phoenix RC for their work for Foundation

#### **C15/16.27 Project Team Chairmen's Reports**

Rotarian Chris Davies (Kimbolton Castle) did a presentation on 'Work Link' Mentors. Clubs interested in supporting this initiative should contact The RC of Kimbolton Castle. Leaflets with details were left to assist in this.

#### **C15/16.28 Support Teams Chairmen's Reports**

Communications Chair David Morris referred to the new Web Site team of Jess Shailes (Welland Valley) and Dipan Bhagalia (Leicester Novus). They would be happy to talk to Clubs and explain what they required to assist in the web site and offer training

#### **C15/16.29 Conference**

2015 Bournemouth DG Geoff reiterated his thanks and delight in what had, without doubt, been a successful event  
2016 Nottingham DGE John confirmed that things were progressing. There were no plans for transport from surrounding Hotels  
2017 DGN Chris was still to decide on the venue

#### **C15/16.30 Next Meeting**

DG Geoff confirmed the next meeting would be held at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel, Corby NN17 2AE on Wednesday 25 November 2015 at 7.30p.m.

#### **C15/16.16 Any Other Business**

##### **COL 2016**

PDG Dick Parsley informed council there were 181 items on the Agenda, 117 Enactments and 64 proposed recommendations for the RI board to consider  
Dick would be glad to hear the views of those who requested him to supply a copy of the content but would reserve the right to exercise his judgement  
The most notable enactments were allow clubs to meet twice a month or choose a flexible meeting schedule and to give more autonomy in this area.

#### **Nepal School Project.**

Colin Scott (Holbeach) addressed Council regarding the above which enabled deaf children to Read and Write and assisted with speech. Finance had been difficult in the past with the construction element not qualifying for Foundation Grants but this project had 'navigated' the problem. Information from the Rotary Club of Holbeach

Signature of DG  
Geoff Blurton

Date