

ROTARY CLUB OF BELPER & DUFFIELD

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2015

Present: D Ashley, G Ashley, N Blurton, C Breach, S Harnan, D Harris, D Henson, J Horwood, E Murphy (Chair), D Pipe, J Scotney, H Surga, P Taylor.

Minute	Topic/Action	Action by
15/153	Apologies for Absence	
	D Harris, A Widdowson.	
15/154	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st October 2015 were accepted as a true record.	
15/155	Correspondence	
	Nick Blurton advised that he had received details of the District Quiz. It was agreed that the club would enter a team and that Nick Blurton would speak to The Lion Hotel about the possibility of them hosting a round.	N Blurton
15/156	President's Topics (Eileen Murphy)	
	<p>1. <u>Santa Sleigh (15/123(3))</u> Martin Tolley has done an excellent job and David Ashley will send him a letter of thanks.</p> <p>The sleigh is currently being stored at the home of Peter Shepherd and Sheilagh Harnan. David Ashley is to put a charger and spare battery in the sleigh and will prepare a set of notes on how to "operate" the sleigh.</p> <p>David Ashley stressed the importance of keeping the PA secure.</p> <p>2. <u>Purchase of a Strimmer for Friends of Cromford Canal (15/126)</u> There has been no response from Mike Kelly of the Friends of Cromford Canal, so Eileen will chase him up.</p> <p>3. <u>Meetings over the Christmas period</u> Eileen confirmed that as the 4th January is a bank holiday, the first meeting in 2016 would be Monday 11th January.</p> <p>4. <u>Christmas Meal</u> The arrangements for Christmas Dinner are in hand and there will be a charge of £50 for the entertainment, which will be added to the £15 meal cost.</p>	<p>D Ashley</p> <p>D Ashley</p> <p>E Murphy</p>
15/157	Treasurer's Report (David Henson)	
	David's report, attached to these minutes was taken as read.	
15/158	PR Report (John Scotney)	
	We have been quite successful in getting reports into both the	

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	<p>Belper News and Derby Telegraph. Nick Blurton reported that there had been an item about the Pride of Belper & Duffield in the last edition of the Derbyshire Life.</p> <p><u>Club Website 15/141</u> John reported that he had not made any progress with further development of the site, but he had drawn members attention a website called RotaRota which allowed the setting up of rotas for activities. He encouraged members to have a look at it, and felt that this was a good alternative to the lists which are circulated at meetings.</p>	<p>J Scotney</p>
15/159	Charitable Matters (Hilary Surga)	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Contact with Lucy Sarna (15/142)</u> Hilary reported that Lucy lives on Sandbed Lane and has approached the Lions seeking a contribution toward the cost of the “scooter”, but had heard nothing. Lucy had confirmed that the cost of the “scooter” would be between £700 and £2000. Hilary has advised Lucy that when she has determined what was actually needed she should approach us again and we would consider the request. 2. <u>Chris Wilkinson visit to Tanzania</u> Chris was a recipient of a Pride of Belper & Duffield Award in 2015. He is a member of a group from St Benedict’s School making a visit to Tanzania early in 2016 when he will work as a teacher. He has had to raise the funds for his fare and also has a target of £300 which is to be used at the school. It was agreed that we would match whatever he raised himself, up to a maximum of £150. 3. <u>Farm Africa</u> Farm Africa regularly makes requests for support for its activities. Club Council felt that as we already support Happy Homes and Mary’s Meals, the club was already allocating enough resource to projects in Africa. 	
15/160	Membership Services Report (David Ashley)	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Club “How To” Manual (15/032)</u> David had circulated his first draft of this document prior to the meeting. He observed that it could become a club “operating manual” which might include the details of various club roles, such as committee chairs as well as other club documents. 2. <u>Post Cards (15/050(2))</u> David reported that he was waiting to see the final designs but the cards will be ordered early in the 	<p>D Ashley</p>

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	both. A provisional date for the event was set for 19 th October 2016.	
15/165	Visioning	
	Coral Breach reported that she had been looking at alternative venues for "Awayday" meetings, but had drawn a blank, with the exception of the Leisure Centre. It was agreed that two years on, it was time to review our Visioning plan, and that this should be done under the guidance of a member of the District Team. David Ashley will establish a suitable date for the new year.	D Ashley
15/166	Feedback/Recommendations from Membership project	
	All recommendations have been discussed in the club, and the project group will meet in the new year to review progress and consider any further changes.	D Ashley
15/167	Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere in the minutes	
	None	
15/168	Any Other Business	
	<p>1. <u>Proposal for a new raffle (15/151(1))</u> David Pipe put forward further thoughts on the proposed raffle. It was agreed that tickets would be £1 each and sold in books of 5. John Horwood is looking at holiday packages as prizes. David Pipe felt it was important that we use the expertise of Tom Stone in getting this project off the ground. It was agreed that subject to the approval of the District Executive of the Scouts, that the proceeds be split with them on a 50-50 basis, provided that they assisted in selling tickets. Gail Ashley undertook to put this to the District Executive.</p> <p>2. <u>Storage of Club Property</u> John Horwood presented a number of different options for a metal shed, which would stand at the back of the Community Centre on the Alton Manor Scout site. Nick Blurton undertook to check the situation with insurance through Rotary and John Scotney would speak to Malcolm Gee of the Scout group.</p> <p>3. <u>Dalesman Carol Concert</u> John Scotney gave an update on the concert.</p> <p>4. <u>Poppy Appeal</u> Hilary Surga has been approached about the club</p>	<p>J Horwood</p> <p>G Ashley</p> <p>N Blurton J Scotney</p>

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	<p>assisting in the sale of Poppy's. Unfortunately the time scale is very short, but she will circulate the list and see if we can "drum up" any volunteers.</p> <p>5. <u>Succession Planning</u> David Henson felt that the club should have an Assistant Treasurer as he would soon have completed his five years, and in any case this was probably sensible arrangement. Nick Blurton also observed that this was his fifth year as secretary and the club would need to appoint someone else for the forthcoming year. It also looked as though we would have to start to "recycle" members as we do not have any member who wanted to be president, who hadn't already been president. David Ashley expressed his concern that this as we still have a number of members who have not been president.</p>	
15/169	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 20 th January 2016 at 7.00pm at The Lion.	

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President Secretary

