

ROTARY CLUB OF BELPER & DUFFIELD

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 20th January 2016

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

Minute	Topic/Action	Action by
16/001	Apologies for Absence	
	D Harris, H Surga.	
16/002	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd December 2015 were accepted as a true record, subject to the deletion of item 15/169 (4) relating to the Poppy Appeal, which was a "hang over" from the last copy of the minutes.	
16/003	Correspondence	
	Nick Blurton advised that he had received correspondence from the First Steps charity and Caroline Blake, both of which were to be dealt with on 16/007, charitable matters.	
16/004	President's Topics (Eileen Murphy)	
	<p>1. <u>Santa Sleigh (15/156 (1))</u> David Ashley confirmed that he had written a letter of thanks to Martin Tolley for his work on the lighting. There was some discussion about how the club might recognise the work, but David advised that Martin had been quite adamant that he did not want any formal recognition.</p> <p>David also confirmed that a "users manual" had been placed inside the sleigh, but he had been disappointed to find that this had been moved.</p> <p>2. <u>Purchase of a Strimmer for Friends of Cromford Canal (15/156(2))</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>Santa Sleigh ongoing upkeep</u> It was agreed that we need a working group to ensure the upkeep of the sleigh, work which needs to be done in a planned and timely way. David Ashley, John Scotney and Nick Blurton agreed to form the group.</p> <p>4. <u>Christmas Sleigh Collections</u> Council discussed the arrangements for the Christmas Collections and agreed the following action:</p> <p>1. The routes will be reviewed to try and ensure that they are not too long and cover the most</p>	E Murphy

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	<p>relevant areas of Belper & Duffield.</p> <p>2. There is a need to review the Risk Assessment, to include the requirement for the Escort to sit alongside the driver in the towing vehicle.</p> <p>3. There was also a need to find a way to make the towing bar safe and prevent it from being a trip hazard while the sleigh is not coupled to a towing vehicle.</p> <p>5. <u>Santa's Grotto at DeBradelei Mill</u> The Santa Grotto had been very poorly supported and it was felt that the Mill was not a venue that was going to attract children. It was agreed that we should look for an alternative venue, possibly the River Gardens, and David Ashley agreed to speak to Belper Town Council (Roz Bullimore) about that.</p> <p>6. <u>Easter Bunny Hunt</u> For the same reasons, the hunt held at DeBradelei was not well supported and it was decided that we would repeat the event.</p>	
16/005	Treasurer's Report (David Henson)	
	<p>David's report, attached to these minutes was taken as read.</p> <p>He went on to propose that a further gift of £50 be made to the staff at The Lion at the end of the Rotary year. He observed that we had traditionally given £150 at Christmas, but only gave £100 in 2015. The proposal was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>David also asked that it be minuted that the Club and Charity Accounts for the Rotary Year ending 30th June 2015 had been accepted at the last Business Meeting.</p>	
16/006	PR Report (John Scotney)	
	<p>1. <u>Club Website</u> A "members only" page has been developed but unfortunately has not been password protected. However, John has developed an ingenious way for members only to access the site, and details will be given to members in due course.</p> <p>2. <u>Change of Title</u> It was agreed that given the wider remit of the role carried out by John, it would be more properly described as Communications Officer.</p> <p>John reported that details of the Christmas collections had been reported in the Belper News. He also asked that all Committee heads keep him informed of their forthcoming</p>	

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	projects so that details can be added to the website.	
16/007	Charitable Matters (Hilary Surga)	
	<p>In the absence of Hilary Surga, Alan Widdowson dealt with this topic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="293 405 1187 658">1. <u>First Steps</u> An approach has been received from First Steps, a Derby based charity supporting people with eating disorder, who were hoping that we would make them our “charity of the year”. It was agreed that we should advise them that we do not have a nominated “charity of the year”. <li data-bbox="293 678 1187 857">2. <u>Caroline Blake</u> It was agreed that we would not make a donation to Caroline, partly because we have done so in the past and partly because of our support for other activities in Kenya. <li data-bbox="293 878 1187 1570">3. <u>Presentation Evening</u> Plans were discussed for our Presentation Evening which is to be held on the 22nd February 2016. The following donations were agreed:- Rainbows Hospice, Treetops and Age UK Derbyshire each to receive £250. Felix Frixou (for his Titan charity) to receive £1000. Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Home and Belper Stroke Club each to receive £500. Guide Dogs for The Blind (Bertha Morrell) £250. It was also agreed that in addition to a representative from each of the recipients John England and two others from the Dalesman Choir be invited to attend to present their cheques to Rainbows, Treetops and Age UK Derbyshire. It was also agreed that we invite somebody from Morrison’s Supermarket as a significant amount of the money has been raised on their premises. 	
16/008	Membership Services Report (David Ashley)	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="293 1630 1187 1738">1. <u>Presentation Stand (15/143(1))</u> It was agreed to purchase the stand recommended by David Ashley, at a cost of £203.99. <li data-bbox="293 1758 1187 2011">2. <u>Post Cards</u> David advised that the proposed card had been circulated at the club meeting on the 18th January and had been well received. The question of whether a photo of Duffield should be included was discussed, but it was felt that on balance, it would make the card too cluttered. 	

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	<p>3. <u>Establishment of a Satellite Club (15/160/6)</u> Council agreed that in line with the recommendations of the Membership Working Group, steps should be taken to establish a Satellite Club. Council also agreed that the sum of money currently held in the Rotaract Club Account should be made available to the Working Group.</p>	
16/009	Community & Vocational Report (Alan Widdowson)	
	There is little activity currently, but planning the Litter Picks is the next project.	
16/010	Youth Services (Gail Ashley)	
	<p>1. <u>Approach to Duffield Massive and Scouts for RYLA (15/129)</u> The meeting with the Scout Leaders is set to take place in January. Gail went on to say that she is also seeking a meeting with Will Leach from the Duffield Massive Project, and she is hoping to meet with representatives from the guides.</p> <p>2. <u>Invite to RC of Sheffield to discuss Rotary Centre (15/123(1))</u> The planned meeting had to be cancelled due to issues at the Rotary Centre.</p>	G Ashley
16/011	International Report (David Harris)	
	No report received.	
16/012	Pride of Belper & Duffield (David Pipe)	
	<p>There are 15 additional schools who could participate in the scheme, but that would have serious cost/sponsorship implications - potentially £8,000 if all schools participated.</p> <p>In terms of venues, David and Coral Breach have visited Horsley Lodge Golf Club and have concerns about their ability to handle such an event. Still to see are Blackbrook House, Makeney Hall and the Derbyshire Hotel.</p> <p>Nick Blurton felt that, if many more schools over the five involved so far, were to participate, it would be very difficult to accommodate it at Blackbrook House.</p>	D Pipe
16/013	Raffle	
	<u>Holiday Package Prizes (15/168)</u> John Horwood reported that the response to requests had been slow, but he was still looking for suitable prizes.	
16/014	Visioning	
	David Ashley advised that a meeting of representatives from the District Visioning Team, himself, Gail Ashley and Nick	

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	Blurton was to be held on Friday 21 st January 2016 to discuss how we might move the plan forward.	
16/015	Feedback/Recommendations from Membership project	
	Matters raised by the Membership Project have been discussed under other areas of these minutes.	
16/016	Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere in the minutes	
	None	
16/017	Any Other Business	
	<p>1. <u>Storage of Club Property (15/168(2))</u> The proposal to put a metal shed on the site of the Alton Manor Community Centre is to be referred to Executive Committee of the centre. Nick Blurton observed that if the shed was to be used to store perishable items, consideration needs to be given to the possibility of damage from condensation in cold weather.</p> <p>a. <u>Insurance</u> Nick Blurton to check the situation with regard to insurance cover under the Rotary policy.</p> <p>2. <u>Golf Day</u> Coral Breach confirmed that the Golf Day was "ready to go". She is to provide the publicity material to John Scotney and application forms to Nick Blurton.</p>	<p>N Blurton</p> <p>C Breach</p>
16/018	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 17 th February 2016 at 7.00pm at The Lion.	

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President

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Secretary