

ROTARY CLUB OF BELPER & DUFFIELD

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2016

Present: D Ashley, N Blurton, D Henson, E Murphy (Chair) , D Pipe, H Surga, P Taylor, A Widdowson.

Minute	Topic/Action	Action by
16/037	Apologies for Absence	
	G Ashley, C Breach D Harris, J Horwood, J Scotney.	
16/038	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th February 2016 were accepted as a true record subject to item 16/034 being amended to show that Club Council had decided <i>not</i> to proceed with the donation to Age Concern.	
16/039	Correspondence	
	A letter has been received by the Secretary from Rainbows Hospice, in respect of the our donation of £250 made at the recent presentation evening. Eileen Murphy reported that she had also received letters of thanks from all the recipients from the evening. Nick Blurton said that he had received a call from Radio Derby to advise that we would be receiving an invitation for two to the opening of the Sun Shelter in Markeaton Park on the 24 th April 2016. He said that a formal invitation would be received in a couple of weeks.	
16/040	President's Topics (Eileen Murphy)	
	Eileen tendered her apologies for not being present at the forthcoming AGM, as she previous commitments with the Ripley Twinning Association. She went on to say that she had planned to hold a fund raising event involving Diamond Cut, the singers who performed at our Charter, but that would probably be in Coral Breach's year, toward November. Eileen was also considered a Valuation Night, using Charles Hanson.	
16/041	Treasurer's Report (David Henson)	
	The Treasurer's report (attached to these minutes) was taken as read. David Henson commented that the £267 transferred from the dormant Rotaract account was to be used in setting up a satellite club. David also suggested that the £1280 relating to the Pride of Belper & Duffield Award could be transferred to the Charity Account, as this was a charitable event. After some discussion, during which it was established that there was no real benefit in this, it was decided not to proceed. David reported that the Club Account last year showed a surplus of £480. This had arisen because the "cost of	

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	<p>membership” had worked out at £109 per member rather than the £115 that was the membership fee. We had also made a small surplus on the Charter and his budget had been about £100 out. He asked Council whether this as an opportunity to reduce the subscriptions for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that subs should remain at £115.</p> <p>David went on to say that the current surplus of £2000 was much higher than we had previously operated, but he wished to retain it at that level. His reason was that increasingly we are being asked to pay deposits before we book rooms and events. David’s proposal was agreed.</p> <p>The Skipton Building Society has a Clubs and Societies account which is offering 1% interest, considerably more than our existing account. It was agreed that David should transfer our account to The Skipton BS.</p> <p>David asked for details of any known upcoming commitments on the Club Account as he is about to prepare the budget for 2016/17. In response, David Ashley said that there had been a re-think on how we were to proceed with the “greetings card”. It was now possible for John Scotney to produce these on an “as required” basis for a matter of a few pence each, so we would not be proceeding with the purchase of a quantity at over £200. David also said that he would not be proceeding with the purchase of a Club display/reception stand until the outstanding matter of storage has been resolved.</p>	
16/042	Communications Officer Report (John Scotney)	
	The report attached to these minutes was taken as read.	
16/043	Charitable Matters (Hilary Surga)	
	<p>15/142 <u>Contact with Lucy Sarna</u> Lucy had previously contacted the club looking for assistance in buying a buggy for her disabled son, the cost of which would be between £700 and £2000. We had asked Lucy to let us know how much she actually needed and we would consider her request. Hilary reported that Lucy had been able to get full funding from The Boparan Charitable Trust.</p> <p>1. <u>The Laura Centre (TLC)</u> TLC was opened by the bereavement charity COPE in 1991, The Laura Centre offers specialist bereavement counselling to parents whose child has died and to children or young people who have been bereaved of a parent or significant person. Leicester based, there is a new centre in Derby</p>	

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	and they are looking for both volunteers and donations. It was agreed that we give them £100.	
16/044	Membership Services Report (David Ashley)	
	<p>1. <u>Barbara Whitchurch</u> Barbara had first expressed interest at last year's Holbrook Fete has now attended a number of meetings and had expressed interest in joining. Eileen Murphy said that her feeling was that Barbara was more interested in being a "Friend of Rotary". David Ashley said he would speak to Barbara and establish her intentions.</p> <p>2. <u>Dan Booth</u> Dan has been asked to promote the launch of our Satellite club, but has said that if he joins he wouldn't want to join the Satellite, but would want to be part of the main club.</p> <p>David Ashley said that Dan Booth's comments had prompted a re-think about whether to proceed with the Satellite club and any further work on that would be put "on Hold" until after our visioning session</p> <p>David also reported that Barbara Whitchurch had e-mailed him with an idea for fund raising which involves a monthly prize draw.</p>	D Ashley
16/045	Community & Vocational Report (Alan Widdowson)	
	<p>16/027 <u>Approach to Aldi re Christmas Collection</u> Alan has yet to approach Aldi.</p> <p>Alan reported that apart from the Litter Picks, there would not be much activity until the start of the Fete and Carnival "season".</p> <p>David Ashley has approached the Town Council about having a Santa Grotto in the Memorial Gardens. He has been advised that there will be a grotto which we will either run in our own right or jointly with the Town Council.</p>	A Widdowson
16/046	Youth Services (Gail Ashley)	
	The written report attached to these minutes was taken as read.	
16/047	International Report (David Harris)	
	No report received.	
16/048	Pride of Belper & Duffield (David Pipe)	
	Makeney Hall has been booked and a deposit paid. Nigel Clough has agreed to present the awards if he is available but has said that a Derby County player will stand in for him	

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	<p>should he not be able to do it.</p> <p>There has been a lot of provisional interest from the schools, but that of course has to turn into nominees. That said, Alfreton Park Community Special School has already submitted their nominee.</p> <p>With regard to sponsorship, Lubrizol, Benz-Bavarian have committed to supporting the event. Peveril Homes will hopefully come on board again and St James' Place Wealth Management have suggested that we make an application to their Charitable Trust.</p>	
16/049	Raffle (David Pipe)	
	<p>After some discussion it was clarified that the Scouts will receive 50% of the profit on the tickets that they sell. The remaining profit would then be used for "other Rotary Charities".</p> <p>David Pipe observed that we need to get a written commitment from the Scouts that they are going to participate.</p>	D Pipe
16/050	Visioning	
	<p>Arrangements for the re-Visioning evening are that the meal will be at 6.00pm (not 6.30pm) and will be one course with Coffee</p>	
16/051	Feedback/Recommendations from Membership project	
	<p>Matters raised by the Membership Project have been discussed under other areas of these minutes.</p>	
16/052	Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere in the minutes	
	<p>Nothing</p>	
16/053	Any Other Business	
	<p>1. <u>Storage of Club Property (15/168(2))</u> John Horwood presented a revised proposal (attached to these minutes) for the purchase of a storage facility. The Treasurer made it clear that he was totally against spending £1000 on a facility that would not be on our own property and at a site where we would have no security of tenure.</p> <p>After further discussion it was agreed that we should look at the option to renting a secure facility, perhaps on an annual basis. Nick Blurton said he would approach Belper Storage. While he didn't believe their facility would be able to accommodate the Santa Sleigh, they might know somewhere.</p>	N Blurton

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	<p>a. <u>Insurance</u> Nick Blurton reported that he had spoken to Tim Richardson and there may be an issue with insurance given the nature of the facility to be insured at its location. The shed itself would certainly not be covered by a Rotary policy.</p> <p>2. David Pipe said that his "Activity" on the 23rd May would be an afternoon at Derbyshire Cricket Club in Derby. This would comprise a lunch (2 courses) and a 20 minute talk on the commercial aspects of running the club. Members would then be free to enjoy the cricket. It would of course, be a guest event.</p> <p>3. David Ashley proposed that we hold a joint event with The Penguin Club. He explained that each Christmas the members of the Penguin Club have a meal paid for from their club funds. David proposed that they instead, be brought to the Lion and that we treat them to a meal. He thought the cost would be around £500. It was agreed that David should pursue this suggestion.</p>	<p>D Ashley</p>
16/054	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 20 th April 2016 at 7.00pm at The Lion.	

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President Secretary