

ROTARY CLUB OF BELPER & DUFFIELD

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6 September 2017

Present: Club council members plus one club member

Minute	Topic/Action	Action by
17/082	Apologies for absence – David Harris, Hilary Surga, Alan Widdowson. John Scotney	
17/083	Minutes of the meeting on 20 July 2017 These were accepted	
17/084	<p>Matters arising from the minutes (not covered in the agenda).</p> <p>17/058 was to confirm the amount raised by the murder mystery evening as this was for a specific fund. Ongoing</p> <p>17/060 Foundation. David Soul will give a short talk at the next business meeting.</p> <p>17/063 There had been no response from Laura Gee's mother and so this action would not be pursued.</p> <p>17/067. Community volunteers. A suitable date for the presentation has been planned.</p> <p>Seating arrangements at club night. Round tables have been accepted as the usual arrangement.</p> <p>17/078. The statement that Shelterbox was not a Rotary charity was incorrect and deleted from the minutes.</p>	<p>Action: David Henson</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
17/085	<p>President's Topics</p> <p>President David expressed the view that the club should contribute to the support for the flooded areas in Asia. He suggested that we should arrange to send a donation to Aquabox for this purpose. A figure of £400 was agreed.</p>	
17/086	The document sent from Wirksworth about the bulb sale was discussed and it was agreed that the club would not be making a purchase.	
17/087	<p>Treasurer's comments</p> <p>The treasurer presented the previously circulated accounts. He pointed out that there are now only six members who are yet to pay. He pointed out that the emergency fund contained £500 from which the donation to Aquabox would be made. Treasurer David pointed out that he was now in his final year of office and that discussions need to take place about the roles of treasurer and assistant treasurer for next year. As this is for next year's team it was agreed that the President Elect should follow this up.</p> <p>The audited accounts would be presented at the next business meeting for approval.</p> <p>It was agreed that the President's expenses should be paid in two instalments.</p>	Action Hilary Surga

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17/087a	James Kerry confirmed that all the funds for the defibrillators had been received and the order placed. These should be in place by Christmas.	
17/088	<p>Secretary's comments</p> <p>Nick had met with Jonnie from The Lion who had confirmed that Rotary are still a valued customer at The Lion. The meal arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that we would draw up a suggested menu for 6-8 weeks based on past menus for the function co-ordinator to discuss with the chef. It was agreed that we would in future meet with the Lion to discuss the need for any price review on an annual basis rather than wait for a large price increase. The suggestion that we should try and get ice cream as a standard alternative was discussed and would be considered.</p>	<p>Action: John Horwood</p>
17/089	<p>PR Officer's comments:</p> <p>John Scotney was on holiday and he sent a written report that unfortunately had not been circulated (apologies to John Scotney).</p> <p>It stated:</p> <p><i>By the time this report is accepted at the Council Meeting on 20th September, the club members will have had the opportunity to read two published items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The Belper News 31st August carried another of the regular articles I have been asked to write, this time about Rotary's lead in the eradication of polio worldwide and also the Club's involvement with the Air Ambulance and publicising our Summer Charity Raffle. It was unfortunate that their local fund raiser, Richard Fletcher, reported our donation in the Belper News a couple of weeks ago, but hey, repetition is no bad thing!</i> <i>2. The July/August edition of Chatterbox, distributed last Monday, celebrated 20 years of publishing this form of Club Bulletin so I took the opportunity to make it special with more pages than usual of pictures. It was also significant as it was the last item to be printed at Legal Review Services – they are closing down at the end of September. The good news is that going forward, we will have access to the office copier at Belper Town Council under similar favourable charging conditions, ie we pay for the inks we use and we provide the paper and labour. This will allow us to continue to print material supporting our fund raising activities with minimum cost to the monies donated. Life continues</i> <p>The latest Chatterbox was circulated amongst those present. The secretary reported that John had identified that the bulb used in the projector was now very old and might fail at any time. He pointed out that as technology had moved on since the projector had been purchased it might prove better value to buy a new projector rather than a replacement bulb. It was agreed to investigate the options.</p> <p>Concern was raised by members about the quality of the microphone that is preventing the PA system being used in line with the club policy. It was agreed to investigate costings and that this should be the priority purchase.</p>	<p>Action: John Horwood</p>

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17/090	<p>Charitable Matters. The agreed purchase of a laptop for dementia patients and donate it in memory of John Brazier is still outstanding and would be dealt with when Hilary returns. The donation of £350 for Josh Lambert was agreed. A request had been received from Andy Brown who was going to carry out VSO work for three months in Bangladesh was discussed. A donation of £100 was agreed. Both Josh and Andy have agreed to give talks to the club on their return.</p>	<p>Action: Hilary Surga and David Henson</p>
17/090a	<p>The treasure pointed out that we have a significant amount of money in our charity account. Most of this came from the Christmas collections which we advertise as being mainly for local and child based charities. Members are asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting.</p>	
17/091	<p>There were no specific reports submitted for discussion. David Soul pointed out a letter from District about promoting polio eradication. He suggested that we could use the visit of our MP to the club to raise her awareness. David Ashley congratulated David Soul on this excellent idea. A discussion took place and it was agreed that that a 'low key approach to this should be made during or after the meeting.</p>	
17/092	<p>2017 Charter This is to be held at The Lion Hotel on Friday 10 November. The menu will be Soup, Roast Beef with YORKSHIRE pudding, apple pie and ice cream followed by tea/coffee. The price will be £25 per person. Numbers will be limited to 70 and are expected to sell quickly. The secretary will handle all the bookings and has set up a dedicated e-mail address for this. Club members will be given priority and first chance to book. External notification will then go to local clubs before general circulation. President David will liaise with President Elect Hilary about the detail arrangements for the evening.</p>	
17/093	<p>Proposed Carnival It is planned to hold a carnival on 19 May 2018 on the playing fields at the Parks estate. The council have given their go-ahead for the event. There will be no alcohol sold on the site and no procession. Members thanked David Ashley for his hard work on this.</p>	
17/094	<p>October conference The rooms at the Iris Hotel, 16 Central Promenade, Gloddaeth Crescent, Llandudno LL30 2XT had been booked for those who had requested. The mini-bus had been booked if enough people wish to use it.</p>	
17/095	<p>Forthcoming Activities</p>	

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	Beer & Skittles Night 14 September Polio walk 10 September Food Fayre 9 December Possible dates for poppy appeal support in Morrisons: 27/28 October and 3/04 November.	
17/096	Any other business There was a discussion about whether every member wanted a district club directory. There were mixed views but a survey would be carried out at a business meeting. The agenda for the business meeting would include the presentation of the accounts.	
17/097	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 4 October 2017 in the Strutt Centre room 104.	

David Pipe. 6 October 2017
 President

John Horwood. 6 October 2017
 Secretary