



Minutes of the Rotary Club of Exe Valley

2nd August 2017 at Hartnoll Hotel, Bolham

- 1) No council meeting this month
- 2) 27 Rotarians in attendance. No Guests. Apologies received from Ken Mills and Bob Rice
- 3) Grace by Andrew Butler; Object of Rotary read by Fred Reynolds; Meal Steward - Chris Shears
- 4) Following last week's scatter night, greetings were relayed from Exmoor Rotary, Otter Valley Rotary, and from Peter Barker (former member now at Tiverton Rotary Club). David Disney also reported on an impromptu night enjoyed at the Waterloo Inn by members of the j27 social committee!
- 5) The pre-circulated minutes of the business meeting of 5th July were approved with no matters arising
- 6) President Les:-
 - a) announced a request from Uffculme Parish council for a £1500 contribution towards three picnic benches was referred to the community services committee who were asked to report back to Council/club with recommendations. See below under Community Service for forthcoming events he announced.
 - b) CHAT will be moving premises on 10 October and invite donations (suggesting of £250) to defray the cost. Club were reminded it donates to CHAT at Christmas. The request was about to be referred to Council when Rotarian Reynolds pointed out that a two-day stint collecting outside Marks & Spencer's would probably raise £400 and involve very little effort between all club members. He offered to organise that with the proceeds being donated to CHAT. Club thought that was a good idea and approved.
- 7) The Treasurer was not present but had pre-circulated his report as follows:

The period for which payment of subs at the reduced rate of £85 applies extended to noon 3rd August. After that, £90. It seemed 9 members had not paid at the date of his pre-circulated report. Correct Certificate of Insurance finally received. An inventory has been taken of all materials in the club's storage container, including those recently removed from the caravan.

Balances

Club Account – £2,306 (£3,882 last month)

Expenditure - £2,308 to RIBI, District and Rotary Foundation. £50 for Tiverton Amateur Operatic Society (acknowledged), £50 for Clare's wedding gift (our hostess).

Charity Account – £2,823 (£3,224 last month)

Allocated funds Rotary Holidays for Children 2017 – four schools @ £300 each = £1,200 (+ expected £100 / school from RHfCT).

Donations made as follows:

Tiverton Gateway Club £300 to pay for their transport to Rotaproj – acknowledged with a photo.

Hospiscare £100 (Richard Taylor draw) – acknowledgement received.

We still await acknowledgement from Tidcombe School and Castle School. (cont'd)

Uffculme Account –£6,056 (£6,336 last month)

We agreed to buy a canopy from Patch Jobson (£250) and £30 was paid to Rottie Friends on behalf of the dog show (an earlier omission).

Invoices awaited from VIP Tents (for the two canopies) and MDDC (for the waste bins). I shall publish a draft income and expenditure account shortly.

Special Account - £1 (as last month)

8) Secretary:

Andy sought Risk related feedback re car park volunteer duties at the Mid Devon show. One Rotarian had needed to make use of the emergency contact number, only to find that the phone was unmanned. AH will pass on to the show organisers

Andy asked all members to let him know straightaway if their contact details need amending before the printed membership form is prepared. Please check the current details from EVRC members area of the website ("contacts"). He was asked to email the request too, (despite disbelief that any member may fail to read these minutes.)

9) Membership.

Bruce will be away for a few weeks from holiday in Australia but envisages renewing our membership drive along the same lines as before. The membership committee met yesterday

10) Community

One more meeting at the pannier market electric street festival after this weekend. A proposal is under consideration for a "warm clothing donation" scheme in Tiverton on the approach to winter – more later.

Tony joined the President in listing forthcoming notable dates for diary summarised here:

- The Rotaract Dartmoor 7 km sponsored walk is listed for this coming Sunday
- It was understood that the Tiverton club are putting on a music in the Park festival next week. It had been agreed they can borrow EVRC's equipment but no further requests have been received for assistance.
- Heathcote party in the Park on 28 August – marshalls may be requested.
- 18 September Otter Valley are holding a cycle race through our area and asked for help Marshall. club agreed in principle.
- Caerphilly choir event 7th October - now published and advertised. Tickets are on sale. Members are asked to either attend or volunteer as car park marshals the night
- The Exmoor Rotary cream tea and sponsored dog walk on 10 August in seconds to number respectively stop the dog walk starts at Wimbledon at 10 AM for a 1030 start. The cream tea and 17 Ashley Park Brampton from 10 AM to 6 PM.
- 6/7/8 April 2018 the Torquay conference - details from RIB I website.

11) Youth

Anthony, having returned from Kenya with the party of students from Tiverton High school, offered to present a talk on the event later. He reported success and again thanked club for the donation which helped make it possible. All had returned safely and had benefited from the experience. He realised he had fulfilled a goal (& his nine-year dream) when the children told him they'd come to the conclusion that "*we are lucky but we don't know it*".

12) Fun & Fellowship forthcoming arrangements are

- Car Treasure Hunt on the Weds 16th Aug, with partners, starting from 6pm from the Hartnol, The later you start the quicker you will have to be on the route. If you are only part way through, you will have to abandon to get back to Hartnoll for 8.30pm when the meal/buffet will be served.
- Weds 30th Aug, 5th Weds, meet at David Disney's Jersey farm for a farm walk/experience followed by a BBQ either at the farm or at the Globe,.
- For our Sept Partner's 5th Wednesday function, banquet meal at the Ganges Indian restaurant in Tiverton, with partners. Watch this space!

13) AOB

Some concern was expressed that an email from the Treasurer apparently expressed a unilateral decision to give away club's Caravan rather than trying to sell it – even for a small sum. Chris Shears pointed out that it was structurally sound, had new tyres, could easily be converted back to a touring van, or have other uses that club members could discuss if asked. Even if it only raised a small sum, least something would be coming back to club. Members suggested that it could be auctioned through eBay, sold through Gumtree or used for fund raising with ideas ranging from inclusion within a caravan demolition derby to conversion to a motorcycle trailer unit.

Chris offered to coordinate an attempt at selling but declined the secretary's offer to move the van to his home for safekeeping

Club decided it was not something they would wish to spend money on to renovate before disposal.

14) The prize of nominating a charity to receive £100 was won by Rotarian Heyward. Rotarians Nderitu and Courage won the bottles of wine.

15) Loyal toast at 9:40 PM.