

# Minutes of Meeting

## Congleton Rotary Team Huddle 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Apologies: Brian, John R, Pauline,

President Kevin chaired the meeting.

**Members stood for 2 minutes silence in memory of fellow member David Worth, news of whose death was received by the club on Boxing Day.**

### **Guests**

Kevin welcomed prospective members, Cath Brown and John Yassi

### **Birthdays**

07/01 Jo

08/01 Rob W

16/01 Stew

20/01 Rod

### **Visits**

Ian was a guest at Biddulph 12<sup>th</sup> Night event

### **Treasurer**

Rob circulated his report to all members prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising.

### **Appeals**

Rod outlined appeals

1. Trinity Methodist Defibrillator: Council had discussed and proposed the requested £1,000 towards the cost. Avril stated that the defib. would be placed outside and would be available 24/7. Avril and Doug described the demographic serving mainly 7-800 elderly people per week at the church and residents in local streets. Avril to liaise with preferred supplier. Tish offered support. Proposed Stew. Seconded Eddie. Agreed.
2. Congleton War Memorial Hospital requested £500 to help to provide radios, earphones etc. for long-term patients in the Aston Ward. Proposed John G. Seconded Doug. Carried. Rod is to procure the items on the list and Nicola Davis will be invited to a presentation.
3. Kev and Rod explained the relevance of the Rise Against Hunger bag pack at Sandbach High School on 11 Feb. Kev liaised with ADG Irene and proposed that the club provide £500 to fund up to 20 members (and partners) to participate. Kev suggested that other local clubs adopt a similar funding model and Irene was fully in favour of the project. Proposed Rod. Seconded Gill. Agreed.
4. Rob made a personal appeal to members to sponsor his London Marathon run in April in aid of the National Deaf Children's Society. He will circulate Gift Aid/sponsorship information.

### **Communications**

John G reported on recent activity including the review of the year and the Congleton Chronicle press cuttings for the year. He said that he and Eric had recently removed the Young Photographer Exhibition form the library.

## **Community**

Eddie Roberts said that two requests for assistance had been received from CTC for the Coronation on Monday, May 8th and the usual Christmas Lights Switch-on.

The Health and Wellbeing exhibition is on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Eddie is away, so Rod is seeking volunteers. John G reminded members of the success of the event in recruiting the treasurer!

## **Bonfire**

Eddie said that he had been briefed fully by Brian at a handover meeting. He will 'tweak' the event – which he proposes to leave mainly unchanged from the established successful formula. He will advise further on the requirements for volunteers. He is away during May.

## **Environment.**

David B reported on activity

- ToL&L raised a total of £541.38p
- A Scots Pine will be planted at Astbury golf Club in memory of the Queen at the end of February. Simon is to arrange a plaque. John G and Rod will assist.
- Work continues at Daven School next week
- The Woodcocks Well work will follow
- A community Allotment at Bromley Farm will also follow

## **Foundation/ International**

Ian had no report. He is seeking a speaker from Foundation/International for a future meeting.

## **Swimathon**

Sandra advised that 37 out of a capacity of 60 lanes had been booked to date with help from Jo and Rachel with schools now showing interest. Janet is to help with Biddulph schools. Ongoing PR will take place in social media until the event - featuring swimming teams.

Sandra is recruiting volunteers to support the event.

## **Welfare**

**Doug advised members of David's funeral arrangements on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 11.00am at Hulme Wallfield, followed by a wake at Sandhole farm**

Doug reported on his activities with Santa during December.

- He made extensive Santa visits before Christmas to schools, care homes, Tescos, and to Capital Walk.
- Doug thanked all members who assisted with packing 286 gifts. The remaining few presents had found good homes amongst deserving people.
- Tickets are available for the Pig Race - to be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at New Life Church

## **Youth**

Eric said the present Youth programme is as follows:

- Young Chef – Local heat finished 8 entrants from CHS 2 will go forward. Eaton Bank may still join in at this late stage.
- Young Artist – February. Stars of the Future – February.
- Young Photographer – Eric and John G had demounted the exhibition. Certificates and prizes to be awarded.

- Young Citizen: Eric is looking at the possibility of introducing this year

## **Diary**

- Rod suggested that members attended David's funeral wearing Rotary regalia and name badges. He is investigating the idea of forming a guard of honour.  
*(Members should make donations to either Cancer Research, Marton Church or Hulme Wallfield Church and hand envelopes to funeral directors. Family flowers only).*
- It was agreed that the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting be cancelled in respect. Ian to inform club. John R to cancel speaker.
- Stew reported on the Valentine's dance at Astbury Village Hall on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Break-even is 70 ticket sales @ £15. Members and friends first.
- Doug advised his events
  - Pig Racing – Feb 25 – tickets available from him @ £12.50
  - Big band Jazz – June 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Last Night at the Proms – Sept 16<sup>th</sup>
- Rod is considering a Classic Car Show at the Egerton in July
- New members meeting Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm. at the Horse Shoe. Stew wants feedback. Kev, Stew, Ian, John G plus all new members.
- Biddulph Burns Night. Stew has 8 attending. Would like to make up a table for 10 Tickets @ £40. Transport arranged.
- Ian advised that the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb may need to be moved due to decorators at the Golf Club.
- Other dates as per diary page on the website

## **Raffle**

Won by Simon

**John G**

**Minutes Secretary**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2022**