

# Minutes of Meeting

## Congleton Rotary Team Huddle 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Apologies: Kevin, Avril and Rob, Jo, Tony.

President-elect Brian chaired the meeting.

### **Birthdays**

03/03 Bob

### **Visits**

Stew reported that members had attended the recent Brewery tour with Biddulph Rotary

### **Welfare**

Doug reported that he, Denis and Reg had attended Annette Banner's funeral. He also reported on the installation and handover of the defibrillator at Trinity Methodists.

### **Treasurer**

Rob circulated his report to all members prior to the meeting. He reported a small profit from the Valentine's social and still awaited the catering invoice for the Pig Race.

### **Appeals**

Scholar Green Primary had written a 'Thank You' to the environmental team for clearing their ground ready for planting.

**Rod** outlined appeals as follows:

1. Smallwood primary had requested funds to assist with their environmental area. Rod reported that they were active in fundraising themselves. Council proposed up to £2.5K. Doug proposed, Janet seconded and members agreed.
2. Buglawton had requested £2,000 to assist with a poly-tunnel again with active support from their PTA. John K proposed and David B seconded. Agreed.

*It was noted that both schools had been contacted to seek their support for Swimathon!*

### **Swimathon**

**Sandra** reported that 52 lanes were presently booked and £2,912 had been raised so far by JustGiving, although two thirds of the teams raised their sponsorship on paper forms. Stew handed out a lane marking rota. Adjustments will be necessary as the event progresses. He asked for as many members as possible to support the Rustic Rotarians and promised to change into his Edwardian costume for a photo! (This alone is a reason to offer wholesale support).

### **Community**

**Eddie Roberts** had attended a recent CTC meeting.

- The Coronation Party will be held in the Park on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Eddie will ask for support from 8 members to man entrances to the park. He has permission for a Rotary stand, possibly selling tea, coffee, cake and biscuits.
- On 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> October, the Town Hall is planning a beer festival. Marshalls and servers had been requested. (Town Hall will provide bouncers).
- The Town Hall will be lit on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for World Polio Day
- Bonfire planning is in hand
- The Christmas lights will be switched on on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Usual support requested.

Eddie is away during May.

## Youth

Eric summarised Youth activities

- Young Chef: Chef Andrew will assist CHS entrants on March 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the semi-finals on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Cheadle School. The Eric Capper Trophy will be presented to the local winner on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Rod has launched the Young Artist Competition
- Gill has launched 'Stars of the Future'
- Young Photographer: Eric and Cath are assisting with presentations.
- Young Citizen: Two entries had been submitted to RGBI from Marlfields Academy and an individual, Sophie Johnson.

## Environment.

David B reported on activity

- Daven School work nears completion
- After the Town hall meeting two ideas have emerged
  - 'Plant a tree for the King' in the Park
  - Selling/gifting bee friendly seeds at the Coronation event, with two members in hired Bee costumes.
  - Simon is developing an idea for a small garden/patio gardening competition.
  - Eddie Rush is cutting timber for the RSPB bird boxes project in the park

## Diary

- **Rod** reminded members that the Heath and Wellbeing Fair is on March 28th with training sessions during the day
- There is a Classic Car show planning meeting at the Egerton Arms at 7.15 on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March for those involved.
- **Doug** reminded members of the next two events at New Life Church:
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> Jazz Night
  - September 25<sup>th</sup> Last Night at the Proms
- **Stew** has 21 members/partners attending the Lion and Swan for Sunday lunch on March 12<sup>th</sup>, post-Swimathon.
- **John G** spoke about, Paul Nixon, and his pioneering work with 175 refugees in Congleton. He is the speaker at the meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> - and the plan is to invite his Ukrainian saxophonist to perform a short solo and one of Paul's refugee families together with their support team - also invited but as paying guests.

## Less Able Club

Doug reported that he had stepped down as Chair and had been replaced by Robin Platt. Doug will continue as assistant Chair. There is to be a Coronation lunch on May 12th

## Raffle

Won by Denis

## Amendment to minutes of last meeting:

Reg's apology for the meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> had not been recorded.

**John G**

**Minutes Secretary**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**