

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY TEST
COUNCIL MINUTES - 6.30 WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021

ATTENDEES

Roger Shepherd - President	Ed Holmes
Nick Bellamy	Nikki Jones
Nigel Budd	Gren Lamb-Hughes
Clive Collier	Jon Livingstone - Secretary
Brian Davies	Stewart Mitchell
Steve George	Bryan Rickett
Graham Hollier	
Apologies: Peter Welsh	

1. CLUB OFFICERS' REPORTS

Reports sent in advance follow these minutes, from page 4.

Secretary

Jon will advise Members of the SGM on 3 November (the next Business Meeting) and invite volunteers for the Club roles to be agreed for the next Rotary Year, commencing July 2022.

Club Treasurer

Nick referred to the deficit on Members' personal accounts, following recent Partners' events. Balances as Nick's report.

Nick also advised lower take up expected for ROR this year. Maximum of 75 attendees is likely. This will help with social distancing for more vulnerable guests. Current plan is for Go/No Go decision by end November, to send invites for the event on 12 March 2022. Support for holding the event if at all possible and request for a later decision date, if feasible.

Trust Fund Treasurer

Graham recommended the £500 recognition award to Stuart Marchant be presented. Jon will liaise with Bill initially. If not Bill, to advise Steve George for Youth/ and Stewart, Schools Database.

Club Service

Nothing to report.

Communications

Ed Holmes, for Peter Welsh, requested Committee Chairs and Members provide as much material and photos for publicity as possible.

Schools Database - Roger requested this is raised at a future Council, once proposals are developed.

Membership

Bryan advised two guests from Chandlers Ford Rotary at the meeting. James Mahaffey to attend forthcoming meetings, as guest of Ed. Shaun O'Brien wishes to re-connect as an Associate Member.

Warren Clarke is also interested in Membership. Route approaches to Bryan, to discuss possible options to help, for Membership. Later in the meeting, Clive Collier queried why new Members were no longer allocated to a Committee; as used to be the case. Bryan may wish to consider.

Fundraising

Brian invited Council support for WTTW for next year, with the need to split demanding existing roles. Aim for £1m net of expenses to be given to charity; rather than £1m raised. Unanimous support and increased recognition of the amount of work and breadth of roles undertaken by the existing WTTW team - and need for greater support and involvement by Members.

Potential to explore links with local Parkinson's Support group. Brian will liaise with Nikki.

Community

Nikki establishing closer links with range of groups and schools; Romsey Community Pantry, Baby Necessities, North Baddesley and Romsey Abbey Schools. The aim is to build a regular dialogue and become better informed about needs on an ongoing basis. Kerry has also joined this group and Community Service. There was wide support for this initiative.

Foundation

Hilliers event numbers now over 50. Help Keith when Stewart is away to finalise arrangements.

Stewart invited Council support to repeat Members manning at Hilliers for a week in February, whilst the Purple for Polio Crocus bloom. Raised £900 last time; c.£2,700 with Bill Gates multiplier. Council supported.

International

Gren - as Report. Including Shelterbox this year - thanks expressed to Martin Radford for this.

Youth

Steve advised likely to be maximum 20 teams for Technology Tournament, March 16 2022. Youth Speaks progressing with Mountbatten and Romsey schools - this is held in January.

Steve delighted to welcome Charles Lacey to the Youth team

Sports & Social

Clive advised Xmas event will be 15 December at Romsey Golf Club. Norman is arranging an end of year Golf Day for 9 December.

n.b. all who attended the Murder Mystery recently enjoyed it very much. Ed. JRL.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Rotary Future

As report.

Parkinson's £250 Donation

Agreed.

90th Birthday Card for Rex Trayhorne

Agreed.

3. **AOB**

COVID - Temperature Check

Clive Collier recommended dispense with this; Roger referred to Members at the Business Meeting to follow.

Name Badges

Clive Collier can obtain smart name badges at £7.50 per person; and will raise at next month's Council.

REPORTS CIRCULATED FOR THE MEETING

PRESIDENT

Rotary - The Future

The Working Group considering this are working actively on it and had a meeting on Monday this week and another is arranged for Friday. Good progress is being made and ideas are coming together but are not yet at a stage for giving any details. Council will be informed of suggestions as soon as possible and hopefully this will be by email prior to the next Council meeting.

Sandy Dunn

We all of course very much regret the passing of stalwart member Sandy. The family have requested that rather than have flowers at the funeral, anyone who might like to could donate to Parkinson's UK. I would like to propose that the Club donates the sum of £250 to them in his memory. If necessary I would be happy to see this come from the President's budgeted sum for charitable giving.

Council's approval to making this donation is requested.

Rex Trayhorne

As you will know Rex is an Honorary Member of the Club. He will be 90 years old on Wednesday 13 October. It is suggested that this be marked by the Club sending him a birthday card.

Council's approval to sending Rex Trayhorne a birthday card is requested.

SECRETARY

Next week as Secretary, I'll (Jon) make Members aware we'll hold an SGM at the November Business meeting. A key item for the SGM is to elect the President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary and the Trust Fund and Club Treasurers for the following Rotary Year. I'll seek to encourage volunteers for any of these essential positions that are changing.

At the SGM, we'll also approve the Club Accounts to 30 June 2021; Trust Fund Accounts have been approved already.

CLUB TREASURER

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TRUST FUND TREASURER

FMR presented by Graham in the usual format in advance of the meeting, but headed **FMR Quarter 1 Review**.

Also: **Budget Monitor Quarter 1 Review** - Shows spend V Budget and variance.

CLUB SERVICE

Nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication within the Club is conducted in several ways - by email, the Club website, the Events list and of course, monthly committee reports and minutes of meetings. More recently this has expanded to the Rotary in Romsey Newsletter and Facebook pages. This communication is important even for Club members where concern over Covid still remains and who may therefore feel they are losing touch with the Club.

We are trying to reach as many people as possible who have an interest in the Club, be they members, or people who can be made aware of what we do, and who may therefore become interested in helping us with our projects or joining the Club. As a consequence, we are trying to publish a steady flow of information about what goes on in the Club.

So if anybody does anything 'Club' related that they can take a photograph of and add a one or two sentence comment about, please do so. We tried to get photos of WTTW to publish on Facebook with some success, as with the Partners Evening on 29 September. So if you are doing something for Rotary, think 'photo' and email either me or Kerry Daley with it, together with a few words about it. This also applies to regular Club meetings.

John Gould kindly wrote an article for us about 'Know Your Blood Pressure' day, and we have submitted this in the hope of getting it published in the October edition of the District Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT

Membership Report October 2021 Stuart Wineberg has invited two members of the now sadly defunct Chandlers Ford Rotary club to our business meeting this month. They are prospective new members so please do say hello and make them welcome. Warren Clarke and mother Dawn (you will recall that the club has helped Warren to set up his golfing career) attended the walk briefing meeting. Warren has suggested that he could become an associate member of the club. We need to discuss the associate member process as we have not used it in recent years and it may not be appropriate for a long term relationship with Warren. Keith Cameron is Warren's main point of contact with the club. Ed has introduced the club to a potential new member (James Mahaffy sales and marketing manager of Grove Place retirement village). Ed has been asked to invite him to a couple of other (more typical) meetings before we start the application process.

FUNDRAISING

Email from Brian Davies:

Good morning Fellow Rotarians

Another year - another walk, another successful one, thanks to the work from you all.

I can confirm that the target that Sandy gave us to achieve raising £1m has been achieved.

Sandy would have been very pleased that we have achieved this figure.

I will be able to give you a more accurate figure on Wednesday.

Now we must start looking at 2022. More on Wednesday evening.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Verbal report at the meeting.

FOUNDATION

Arrangements for October event for End polio proceeding well. Commitment sheets have been sent out, Thankyou for those who have replied. If you haven't please reply by Friday 8th

Please Note; I (Stewart Mitchell) will be away on holiday from Sunday 10th October till just before the event. From this weekend, Keith Cameron will be holding the fort for our team to tie up any loose ends. Please help us to keep these 'loose ends' to a minimum. A wine list will be sent out this week to enable you to pre-order

So if you **haven't replied** could you please help us out by replying **TO ME** (Stewart) to confirm if you are **ATTENDING OR NOT** by Friday 8 Oct, with your menu choices. as we will need to report numbers to Hilliers.

If you are attending you will need to pay me (Stewart, here and following) direct for both tickets and pre-ordered wine, as we can't use the club accounts. We will send you details of how to pay this coming week.

Our team look forward to seeing you all on the 27th October.

I have organised a meeting with Clare Goddard regarding next year's 'Purple for Polio' February event. We will discuss the possibility of a children's trail during the half term in conjunction with the Hilliers Education Department. If this happens it would replace the crocus collection for 2022.

Peace Jam will take place in November at Winchester University. Secondary schools have been informed and Romsey School have registered.

I am setting up a working group to discuss how to use the Schools' data base. This is proceeding slowly with schools and the club settling back in to some sort of routine. We will work on this during the winter. The main point at this time is, does the club need one and how to fit it into the workings of the club.

September 21st was International Peace Day and RIBI have included this in their Foundation calendar. Peace was included as a category of focus for committees to consider when organising their projects and also for grant Applications. There is plenty of info on the RIBI site about this initiative as guidance for individuals and committees to help them organise their future plans.

INTERNATIONAL

Nursery Tables and Chairs for the School in Kisumu, Kenya

I (Gren) was hoping to bring to Club members an update on the last of the International projects that the Club is supporting this Rotary year: the provision of nursery tables and chairs for the school in Kisumu, Kenya. Unfortunately, Kenya is suffering from some the same side effects of Covid 19 as the UK, namely shortage of supplies. Specifically there is difficulty in obtaining the wood to make the tables and chairs, so no progress has been made to date.

District International Seminar

On a slightly more positive note, I attended the District International Seminar at Mountbatten School recently along with circa 60 other Rotarians. We were seated socially distantly.

There were presentations on:

Shoebboxes, India Covid Relief Project (which the Club supported), India Dialysis Project, Purple Community Fund, Shelterbox (which the Club regularly supports), Sand Dams, Global Sight Solutions, Botha School Project and there were additional Charity displays from:

Baby Baskets, Nepal Trust, Dentaid, Send a Cow, Water Survival Box, Lend with Care, End Polio Now, Peace Jam, District Rotary Shop.

As you will appreciate, many, if not all, of the projects (which were very clearly beneficial in some way to their local population) were seeking funds from Clubs so that the projects could come to fruition. There is no difficulty in identifying worthy causes to which the Club's International Funds could be donated.

Shoebboxes

The Club is supporting Christmas Shoebboxes this year but in a relatively low-key way with just Wellow School and the Club participating. Martin has spoken to all the pupils at Wellow and, from their keen reaction, is anticipating a good response, so a similar response from Club members would be very much appreciated. More details to follow but filled Shoebboxes will need to be with Martin by the week beginning 1st November.

YOUTH

Technology Tournament - March 16 2022

We have again linked up with Chris Nixon of the Southampton Magna club and have agreed to hold the Technology tournament on March 16th. Commitment so far have been received from:

Mountbatten School - 2 teams

Test Valley School - 3 Teams

Romsey School - No response

Thornden - No Response

Bitterne Park - 7 teams

Woodlands - 1 Team

Hamble - 2 Teams.

Chris Nixon has offered to contact a couple of extra Southampton schools

Dictionaries For Life

Over 400 dictionaries have now been delivered to 12 schools and arrangements being made to be part of the pupil presentations taking place between Friday 8th October and Monday 15th November. Thanks go to members for helping load cars and move books to their school locations and to Stuart for leading and coordinating the activities.

We need to be planning now for the 2022 distribution but have a problem. Books are ordered and delivered to us in summer and held (previously in Tony's garage) on a pallet. We have nowhere to store these dictionaries in 2022 and unless we can find a suitable home we would have to pay for storage facilities which would come as an additional cost.

Youth Speaks

We need to consider whether we want to engage with this this year, Romsey and Mountbatten have previously indicated they would likely attend but we have not made any formal approach yet. Two years ago a Romsey Intermediate team entered and progressed to the regional finals in Devon but the event was cancelled due to the pandemic. The event did not run last year.

SPORTS & SOCIAL

Verbal report at the meeting.

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GRACE AND WELCOMES

Roger welcomed Ed Birt and Bob Dalton, visiting from Rotary Chandlers Ford and Itchen Valley.

Stuart Wineberg explained that Club had recently demised, after 38 years of hitherto very successful activity. Stuart expressed his encouragement that Ed and Bob join RCORT, whilst seeking a new Club.

Grace was provided by Neill Beasley.

Roger initiated a minute's silence in commemoration of Sandy Dunn's passing, which was duly observed.

1. BUSINESS MEETING

SECRETARY

Jon advised the Club SGM is 3 November (the next Business Meeting) and encouraged volunteers for the Club roles to be agreed for the next Rotary Year, commencing July 2022. The positions agreed at the SGM in November, are President, Vice President, Junior Vice President, Club Treasurer, Trust Fund Treasurer and Secretary.

Vice President, Junior Vice and Club Treasurer have no nominees at present. Please assist Roger and Nigel if these roles may interest you.

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TRUST FUND TREASURER

Graham had sent the updated Financial Management Report and Budget Monitor to all members in advance of the meeting and had received no queries; all under control.

CLUB SERVICE

Nigel advised nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Peter circulated a report to all Members before the meeting; extract below:

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FUNDRAISING

Brian Davies thanked all Members and Volunteers for the successful WTTW 2021. Excellent feedback received and the sum of £1m has now been raised. This is a great achievement, of which Sandy would be proud!

Brian acknowledged and thanked John Jones for coming up with the original idea for a Walk, first conducted in 2003!

Brian invited support for WTTW for next year, with the need to split demanding existing roles. Brian welcomed Ron Bowater as the new WTTW Treasurer, as an example of new participants in the WTTW team.

Aim for £1m net of expenses to be given to charity; rather than £1m raised. [Amount 'Given' to date is circa £970k]

Unanimous support received from Members. WTTW 2022 is 25 September 2022. A date for diaries now!

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ALMONER

Ian Bullivant conveyed warm greetings from Alan Hester, in France, and known to many longer-standing Members. Ian reminded Members to advise Lesley Dunn if attending the Cromwell Arms, following Sandy's funeral.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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This was unanimously supported.

Rex Trayhorne

Roger's proposal to send a card to Honorary Member of the Club, Rex Trayhorne - 90 years old on Wednesday, was agreed.

3. AOB

COVID - Temperature Check

Clive Collier recommended to Members the Club should dispense with the temperature check. Not specified in official guidance as required. And not being used by other Rotary Clubs.

Roger sought views from Members if any present this evening would NOT have attended, without this measure. I.e. if the temperature check was providing an element of reassurance. The unanimous response was in the negative. I.e. that the temperature check was no longer required.

Roger requested Jon to check with Steve Simmons-Jacobs, RCORT Health & Safety Officer:

Update

Steve has advised that recent guidance indicates 'Temperature is no longer considered to be effective at determining who has the infection and who hasn't.'

Steve has recommended wording be added to meeting notifications until Covid has subsided, to remind Members of circumstances when not to attend meetings - for example having a high temperature, loss of sense of smell, positive test in the last 10 days etc. We'll see if this can be included in meeting notifications going forward.

Agreed: the temperature check is no longer required for future meetings, with immediate effect.

4. Future Meetings

Wed 13 Oct 21		Career talk from Club member at Youth in Romsey, Southampton Road, Romsey SO51 8AF	John Burgess	Roger Shepherd	Colin Staples	Norman Oldmeadow
Wed 20 Oct 21	Membership & Recruitment	APOLOGIES REQUIRED Royal British Legion		Nick Bellamy	Graham Hollier	Peter Stuckey Terry Proctor
Wed 27 Oct 21	Foundation	A Purple Evening in aid of End Polio Now. Drinks from 7pm. - at Hilliers Jermys House Restaurant		Commitment Sheet Owner Stewart Mitchell		