Rotary Club of Coventry

Council Meeting 29th July 2024

2466.00	**Members Present** President Allan Jones, Acting Secretary Rotarian Tim Sawdon, 1st Vice President David Swain, Treasurer Bob Kemble, Assistant Secretary Peter Cooke, Past Presidents Ray Thompson, David Joyce, Bob Hall, Terry Bond and Kevin Vaughan.
2466.01	**Apologies**. Past Presidents Serena Calder, Bill Parkinson and David Kershaw.
2467.00	**Previous Minutes (3.6.24)** Minutes approved.
2468.00	**Matters Arising** None.
2469.00	**Any Other Business**
2469.01	Club Secretary Acting Secretary Tim Sawdon reported that the handover of the role of Club Secretary would soon be complete. He added that he had relinquished his role as Chair of the Community Service Committee and that PP Terry Bond had volunteered to fulfill the position for the following Rotary Year 2024/25. The President proposed that PP Terry be co-opted on to Club Council. **CARRIED**
2469.02	Dates of Meetings Acting Secretary Tim announced that club meetings should take place on the 1st and 3d Monday of each month and that the current dates published were inconsistent with this policy. Asst Secretary Peter Cooke said that he had already identified this issue and taken it up with Secretary David Kershaw who will publish a revised programme.
2469.03	Luncheon Menu The President remarked that he was very disappointed with the quality of some recent meals and had received comments from several members in this regard. It was decided that the President and Club Steward Peter Cooke will discuss the matter with the General Manager Samantha on her return from her holidays.
2469.04	Club Handbook 1st VP David Swain reported that the handbook for 2024/25 had been finalised and submitted to the publisher.
2470.00	**Correspondence.** None.
2471.00	**President's Issues.** None.
2472.00	**Membership & Information.** None.
2473.00	**Club Steward.** Minute 2469.03 refers.
2474.00	**Service Committee Reports**
2474.01	Community Service Committee. Former Chair Tim Sawdon reported that an appeal had been received from The Life Path Trust to support the setting up of the proposed "Alfred's Café" which will be sited adjacent to the nurseries at the cost of £2,600. His

	committee had agreed to donate £1,000 towards the costs and was seeking approval from Club Council. The President proposed that the request be approved. **CARRIED**
2474.02	<u>Vocational and Youth Activities.</u> None.
2474.03	<u>International</u>

Chair PP Ken Holmes reported that his committee had recently donated £4,000 to The International Children's Fund and were considering applying to District for a matching grant. He had recently spoken with DG Alan Taylor who gave a favourable response. He will pursue the application. The CEO of the charity is to be invited to give a presentation.

A BBQ has been arranged at the home of Ken Holmes for the 31st August. He requested full support from club members owing to poor support at recent events. This was endorsed by the President.

A croquet event was also being considered.

An event was also being considered for the annual bowls match with Nuneaton RC is being arranged.

A video is being prepared to forward to our international partner in Italy (Foggia District 2120).

PP Ken Holms stated that the club website was out of date and required to become independent of the current arrangement with PP Amrik Bhabra's commercial website which had legal implications. PP Keith Chapman is currently reviewing the situation.

2474.04   <u>Foundation</u>

PP Bob Hall reported that he was hopeful of attending the Rotary Action Summit to be held in November in Newcastle.

2475.00   **Social Events**

<u>Saturday 2nd November</u>. Treasure Hunt. Afternoon tea will be provided at the Priory Visitors' Centre. Non-participating members are invited to tea. This is a fund raising event. Proceeds to Foundation and Community Service.

<u>Saturday, November (Date to be confirmed)</u> Pru and David's Tea Party at Woodside Methodist Church.

2476.00   **Finance.** No Report

2477.00   **Next Meeting.** Monday, 2nd September 2024.

P E Cooke
Assistant Secretary   Date