



Rotary Club of Coventry

Council Meeting 2nd September 2024

- 2477.00 **Members Present**
President Allan Jones, Assistant Secretary Rotarian Peter Cooke, 1st Vice President David Swain, IPP Pru Porretta, Treasurer Bob Kemble, Past Presidents Terry Bond, David Joyce, David Kershaw, Ray Thompson and Kevin Vaughan.
- 2477.01 **Apologies.** Past Presidents Serena Calder, Bob Hall, W Parkinson and Rotarian Tim Sawdon. Rotarian Peter Cooke had agreed to conduct the meeting on the day.
- 2478.00 **Previous Minutes (29.07.24)** Minutes approved.
- 2479.00 **Matters Arising**
2479.01 Youth Speaks After discussion Robert Vilette agreed to take over the Youth Speaks competition this year. He would need the help of a small group of members to organise this together with advice and some practical help. Several Council members agreed to undertake the organisation of the event.
- 2479.02 Luncheon Menu
President Allan reported that he had held a discussion with General Manager Samantha regarding the issues expressed at our last meeting. Samantha explained that the cost of a meal had to be increased and suggested a figure of £25 per head. This cost was discussed amongst members of the committee who agreed that an increase was inevitable but wished to approach Samantha with a view to lower her proposal. The concern would also be broached regarding the quality of the food prepared also the dietary requirements of some members.
- 2480.00 **Any Other Business.**
2480.01 Club website address Decisions to be made following the return from holiday of Rotarian Tim Sawdon. In the meantime David Swain to make further investigations on the matter.
- 2481.00 **Correspondence.** None.
- 2482.00 **President's Issues.** Minute 2478.02 refers.
- 2483.00 **Membership & Information.** None.
- 2484.00 **Club Steward.** Minute 2478.02 refers.
- 2485.00 **Service Committee Reports**
2485.01 Vocational and Youth Activities Terry Bond reported that PP Bill Parkinson had stressed the importance of making contact with the schools regarding the Youth Speaks competition. Contact would be made with Ron Gibbs in this respect. Following this contact a room could be booked for the event.
- 2485.02 International. Ken Holmes reported that £300 had been raised following the barbeque at his home. Plans would be made for future events.
- 2485.03 Christmas Tree Festival. Difficulties in getting support for this year. After discussion it was agreed to postpone arrangements for a few weeks to see if circumstances changed.

- 2486.00 **Social Events.**
- 2486.01 Annual Bowls Event with Nuneaton. Unfortunately Nuneaton Club had not been able to raise a team to play in this event. Our Club had offered help in this respect but this was not taken up. Ken Holmes suggested that perhaps a bowls match with other Coventry Clubs could be arranged.
Ken Holmes also suggested the possibility of a croquet evening. This was thought to be a good idea and invited Ken to pursue the matter.
- 2486.00 **Finance.** Treasurer Bob Kemble confirmed that the bank balance on the Rotary Charity Account was £14,504.17.
- 2487.00 **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday, 7th October 2024.

P E Cooke
Assistant Secretary

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