

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, VOCATIONAL & YOUTH ACTIVITIES SERVICE
COMMITTEE HELD AT KING'S HILL NURSERIES ON MONDAY, 29TH APRIL 2024**

PRESENT

Chairman PP T Bond, President Alan Jones, Rotarian P Cooke, 1st VP D Swain, PPs M Hammon, D Joyce, D Kershaw, P Porretta, J Rowe, R Thompson and Hon Member M Hartley.

APOLOGIES Rotarian J Viner.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING agreed to be a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Sea Cadets. Nothing to report. PP David Joyce confirmed that the Sea Cadets had formed a new committee.

200 Club. Continues to raise money for the club.

Collections. No arrangements made as yet.

Appeals

A cheque for £300 had been presented to St Catherine's Church at the last lunch meeting in answer to their appeal.

A cheque for £4000 was also presented to Barker Butts RC. It was suggested that representatives from the club be invited to a lunch meeting.

Automata. Nothing to report.

Rotary Widows and Carers.

1. PP M Hammon reported that he had visited Ann Hall in her care home when he was in the area. She appeared well.
2. PP Jeff Rowe had visited PP Victor Keene and was pleased to report that he was making good progress following his stroke.

Santa Sleigh. An appeal from Rotarian Nigel Lee had been received:

1. To receive confirmation of our Club's participation in the coming season and who would be our representatives. It was essential to give an early indication of drivers and collection marshals for the evening tours. He confirmed that it had been agreed to start with a static on 30th November, followed by every Saturday, plus Tuesday 24th December.
2. The sleigh will need a good clean and re-paint and the lighting updated plus some re-design. The batteries have completely failed and he was endeavouring to get new ones "donated".
3. He was looking at getting some illuminated QR code boxes made which will link anyone to a Just Giving page for donations.

Following discussion the following was agreed :-

1. PP Pru Porretta to be our representative regarding the Santa Sleigh.
2. Peter Cooke confirmed that he intended giving a contribution towards the batteries.
3. Ivor Thomas will be driving the sleigh again this year.

Youth Speaks. Rotarian Robert Villette had agreed to be our representative but will require the help of a small group of members to organise the event. It was important that PP Bill Parkinson should be approached to give advice. PP David Kershaw suggested that the winners from last year's event should be invited to come to the Club to talk about their experience.

Interact. Nothing to report.

SPEAKERS

PP Victor Keene has been in the process of getting a speaker to talk about plans for the old IKEA building. Various plans are being made for the use of the different floors in the building, eg one floor to be taken over by the National Portrait Gallery, another floor to be used by Coventry University, etc so there was a need to share this information.

It was suggested to invite Kare Adenegan following her success at the Paralympian Games in Paris to speak about her experience in gaining a silver medal. Margaret Hartley agreed to contact her father in this respect.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7th October at 11.30 am.

Apology in advance M Hartley unable to attend.

Peter Cooke (Chair)