

Minutes of Executive Meeting – 14 December 2020 7.30 pm by Zoom

Present: Rtns Wilkins, Richardson; Randall, Dibb, Recchia, Douglas

Apologies - None

Exec Meeting

1. Minutes of last meeting approved by email.

Matters Arising – Rtn Dibb advised that he had been in contact with Ian Parker and hoped to collect the Trust Accounts from him on Wednesday. Sandy Williams (Auditor) had also been contacted.

2. Involvement in Sensory Garden Project with Inner Wheel

The Hon Sec read out correspondence received from Maureen Carney of Inner Wheel Club, alerting the Club to interest expressed by Banbury Town Council in renewing the Sensory Garden in People's Park. In 1954 both the IW and the Rotary Club of Banbury had been involved in creating the original garden and she had suggested that both clubs might like to get involved again, and had contacted Cllr Colin Clark, Chairman of the Council's Parks Committee to highlight this. President to write to Maureen Carney to indicate our support for this project.

3. Passport Rotarians

President gave an update on this initiative, which was not new but was seeing a fresh interest due to Covid restrictions. It allowed people to join Rotary without being associated with a specific club. He felt the club should be aware of it and give it cautious support.

4. No Lunch Meetings 25Dec and 1st Jan

Hon Sec reported that there would be no Club Lunch Zoom Meetings over Xmas and New Year, so Friday 8th Jan was the next Lunch meeting.

5. Resignation Letter from Member

The Hon Sec advised members that a further letter of resignation from a Club Member had been received. Rtn Pat Thomas had decided to resign from the Club for personal reasons despite efforts to assist by Senior Club Members.

6. Xmas Parcels Appeal

It was felt that the Exec should formally record the vote from last Friday's Club Lunch to approve a spend of £3,000 on the Parcels Appeal. **AGREED**

It was also noted that Rtn Wolstencroft had sent an update around indicating excellent progress with the appeal. Banbury Charities had made a grant of £1,000 and the Borough of Banbury Trust had again awarded £800. Letters had also been sent to some of the major business sponsors and this was likely to bring in a further £800. Almost all of the agencies had now been provided with either a cheque or food vouchers based on the value of parcels received last year.

It was **AGREED** that a vote of thanks was due to the Parcels Working Group for progressing this

7. Reports from Executive Members

Second Vice Elect

Rtn Douglas pointed out that the Club was currently without a Second Vice for the coming rotary year. This needed to be kept under review, but it was understood that several long-standing members had expressed an interest in the role.

Assistant Governor

Discussions had been undertaken at District about Rtn Dhesi being offered and AG role. The Club would need to nominate her. President would discuss this further with Surinder, following which the Club could be asked to make the nomination.

8. AOB.

None

9. Next Executive Meeting – Monday 18 January 2021 at 7.30pm

10. Next Council Meeting – Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.15pm