

Minutes of Executive – 10 March 2021 6.30 pm by Zoom

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

Also in attendance for part of meeting: Rtn Riches

Apologies – None

Items raised by Rtn Riches:

Peace garden – Banbury Town Council were currently looking at the issue of Sensory Gardens. This had led to a contact with the Club from Maureen Carney of Inner Wheel seeking support for joint participation in re-instating the original sensory garden in Peoples Park, as both clubs had been involved with this project in the 1950s. Club had already agreed to support IW in this if any project materialized.

As an adjunct to this idea, Rtn Riches had suggested that consideration be given to establishing it as a Peace garden. This idea could then be rolled out to local schools to set up their own Peace gardens.

Rtn Recchia agreed to feed back the Club/IW interest in becoming involved in any revamp of the People's Park sensory garden and Rtn Riches suggestion of a Peace garden to the new Parks Manager.

Membership – Rtn Riches mooted the idea that the club should look to build on its existing links with schools and faith groups and also good partnerships with our local town and district councils to support its membership drive. This might help in reaching out to a younger profile of member. This idea was being given active consideration by the membership working group.

1. Minutes of last meeting approved by email.

Matters Arising – none.

2. Arrangements for Membership/PR

1st Vice President gave an update on progress with the small working group set up to look at this issue. Rtn Hughes had formed a small group that was meeting and discussing options. Ron Barnett and John Groves were working on the Website and making good progress. It was suggested that Members could be asked record video snippets explaining why they joined Rotary which could be used on the

Website. Videos could also be taken of Club Members helping out at the Vaccination Centre.

It was also noted that District would not be seeking capitation for any new members in their first year and that Subs were likely to be lowered for the coming year as funds were healthy due to inactivity during the pandemic.

Advertising in parish newsletters was being considered as was the possibility of sponsoring a roundabout, ideally one on the main route into town.

AGREED that Rtn Recchia obtain an indication of costs for roundabout sponsorship.

3. Problem with Zoom invites

Hon Sec referred to the difficulties members had found in joining the last Zoom club lunch meeting. The invites had been sent out using the all points club email via the Website but had not been received by members on this occasion. It remained unclear why this had occurred. But a recent test email had received a good response rate indicating receipt so it was hoped the problem would not re-occur.

4. Offer of PPE

AGREED President would accept on the Club's behalf.

5. Succession Planning

Hon Sec reported a very positive expression of interest in the role of 2nd Vice and hoped to be in a position to confirm this shortly.

6 .Bulletin

Content was still needed by the Editor, especially speaker notes from hosts.

7. Post Covid Planning

President suggested that Exec should keep this on its Agenda. Rtn Douglas indicated that he would be happy to host some form of coming out of lockdown event, maybe a pig roast, in his garden once restrictions were lifted. It was felt that many members may feel more comfortable with outdoor events at least initially.

8. Reports from Executive Members

Hon Sec reported an email had been received from last weeks lunch speaker, Nic Hogarth of Crisis in Oxfordshire asking if the Club wanted to support them in any way. This had been passed to C&V Cttee.

9. Next Executive Meeting – **Wednesday** 14 April at 6.30pm

10. Next Council Meeting – **Monday** 22nd March 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at 7.45pm