

Minutes of Community Committee - 17th January 2017

1. Apologies were received from Karl. All other members were present.
2. The following items from the Community agenda were updated:-
 - The subsidy of £400 for the Christmas Party for the frail and housebound was very well received and a letter of appreciation had been sent to the President expressing their gratitude. The presence of our 'Father Christmas' was also much appreciated and we were told that all guests greatly enjoyed the event which is only possible due to Rotary. The Mayor and other guests were well aware of the Rotary effort.
 - The planning for the annual outing for the elderly is in process and Andrew agreed to propose a couple of possible dates. 3 options are under consideration, namely Exbury gardens, the train to Swanage and the outing and tea at Studland as last year. This last option is the most favoured. Plans and dates will be firmed up by the next meeting in coordination between Andrew and representatives running the 2 Clubs for the elderly.
 - The amount of £400 is available as a credit to the Carer's Hub as last year. Invoices will be submitted directly to the Treasurer for verification and payment.
 - The Stroke Club has advised that they are currently adequately funded and have no real need for Rotary funds at present. Ros Angel from the Stroke Club suggested the funds be used for more needy causes this year but asked if they could still be on our list for a possible contribution next year.
 - Iain gave an update on the ongoing plans for Avonway to cater for the Sunday lunch project This kitchen initiative is ongoing but running a little later than we had foreseen. As a result, it is unlikely that funding to sustain the Sunday lunch venture will be required until quite late in the Rotary year. . The Committee agreed to look at other community requirements in the meantime and it was suggested that the Youth Club be approached. An update on this will be provided next meeting.
 - Foster has the Citizen of the Year project in hand and will be 'shadowed' by Adrian . The usual requests for nominations etc will be sent out in due course.
 - Mention was made of the need to update the President's Board. This was deemed to be a responsibility of the Club Committee and John agreed to take this matter up with them.
 - Iain advised that upon the availability of the requested funds for further works on Avonway, he would be seeking Club support as had been provided before.
3. The meeting concluded at approximately 21:00.