

**ROTARY CLUB OF LEIGHTON LINSLADE – FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR BUSINESS MEETING ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

1. As reported by Gary the Club Account is still in a very healthy position with no review of the members subscriptions being required.
2. Mike R's accounts for Yes We Can show that the financial position is still looking very good. The funds which are available for donations from the Charity Account are still fairly modest and the committee still recommend a prudent approach although it is anticipated that there will be a significant amount available following the May Fayre.
3. Following the last business meeting Church Riverside Scouts have been offered a stall at the May Fayre. They have accepted and will be selling tea, coffee and cakes to raise funds for their new HQ. Their fund raising efforts appear to be progressing well, the club will be matching the amount which they raise at the May Fayre up to a maximum of £500.00 and we will keep the position under review.
4. As mentioned at the last business meeting four members of the committee have met with Rosie George of the "Homeless" Foodbank. The contributions which the club has been making are greatly appreciated by the charity and have assisted them to carry on the extremely good work which they do. The £300.00 monthly payments which the club have been making fall due for review shortly. The present contributions amounting to £3,600.00 per annum represent a significant proportion of the club's charity income. Rosie appreciates this and accepts that a reduction may be appropriate. In the circumstances the committee recommend that for a further period of six months we donate the sum of £150.00 per month to the "Homeless" Foodbank. That charity has exciting plans for the future and if they require additional assistance as a result they can come back to us with details.
5. The committee will be reviewing the donations which we are currently making to the "Helpers" Foodbank when we get nearer the end of the 6 month guaranteed period and will meet with that charity before making a recommendation to the club.
6. The Bleed Kits which the club has paid for have now been installed in the locations recommended by the police and are fully operational. Dick will hopefully confirm that the club's logos have been affixed to the kits.
7. The application to the Charity Commission to convert the charity account to a CIO has been returned by them as they are no longer accepting applications by post or email. All applications must now be made on line and arrangements are being made to resubmit the application accordingly.
8. The Youth and Community Committee have made a request for a budget of £600.00 in respect of the "Childrens Fun Day" event, where up to 34 children will be taken to Whipsnade Zoo at a cost of £12.50 per child. Each child will receive a cap and tee shirt and we will also provide them with ice creams.
9. When there are further funds available in the charity account following the May Fayre the committee will consider and make recommendations to the club regarding possible donations to the following :-
  - (a) Child Rescue Nepal which is being championed by Peter Banwell ( at least £2,000 is the figure in mind)
  - (b) Blood Cancer UK which is being championed by Frazer Crawley
10. The club has received requests to assist Kaiden age 14 in respect of his forthcoming trip to Peru with Camps International and Sophie Lauren Dunnage 16 in respect of her World Challenge trip to Malaysia. The committee did not feel able to recommend donations to

these individuals but has invited them to take a charity stall in the rec at the May Fayre to raise funds without selling food or drink of any description.

11. Following a recent talk to the club by The Blossom Service who provide end of life companionship to the lonely with volunteers the committee recommend that we make a donation of £200.00.
12. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held at Tom's office on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May with a 7.00pm start.

Proposals where the approval of the club is sought (All relating to the Charity Account) are as follows.

1. A donation of £150.00 per month to the "Homeless" Foodbank when the existing donations of £300.00mper month end.
2. A donation of £200.00 to The Blossom Service
3. The provision of up to £600.00 for the Childrens Fun Day event.