

## Minutes of January 2017 Council Meeting

### Present

DG 105 A	Lion Brindar Singh Nadra	DG 105 BN	Lion Susan Tyson
DG 105 BS	Lion Steve Shields	DG 105 C	Lion David McDowell
DG 105 D	Lion David Taylor	DG 105 E	Lion Balvinder Singh Sokhi
DG 105 EA	Lion Nigel Folkard	DG 105 I	Lion Paul Allen
DG 105 M	Lion Ron Cross	DG 105 NE	Lion David Wheeler
DG 105 SE	Lion Rod Weale	DG 105 SW	Lion Fred Broome
DG 105 W	Lion Godfrey Morris		

VDG 105 A	Lion Abnash Bains	VDG 105 BN	Lion Roy Axten
VDG 105 BS	Lion Teresa Nickson	VDG 105 C	Lion Michael Boldero
VDG 105 D	Lion Peter Burnett	VDG 105 E	Lion Stephen Green
VDG 105 EA	Lion Derek Prior	VDG 105 M	Lion Chris Burrows
DGE 105 NE	Lion Malcolm Hogg	VDG 105 SE	Lion Jacquie Robinson
VDG 105 SW	Lion Ian Snell	VDG 105 W	Lion Steve Petty

Council Chairman (CC)	IPDG Lion Heather Jeavons
Council Treasurer (CT)	PCC Lion Philip Goodier
Secretary to Council (CS)	PCC Lion Andy Pemberton
MD Sergeant at Arms (SAA)	PDG David Seager

### In attendance

Past International Director	PID Howard Lee
Past International Director	PID Phil Nathan

Lion Trevor Kell	Friday/Saturday/Sunday
PCC Lion Bryan Riley	Friday (for Item 5)
Lion Mandy Broadbent	Saturday (for Item 9)
PDG Lion Paul Withers	Saturday/Sunday (for item 11)

### Apologies

None

### Agenda Item 1 Call to Order

- First Session of the second Council Meeting for 2016-2017 was called to order on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 14.00 hours by SAA PDG David Seager. Chairman of Council IPDG Heather Jeavons welcomed all attendees, to what was expected to be a busy few days.
- No apologies had been received
- Papers for meeting as circulated were explained by Council Secretary, introducing the new reporting structures.

### Agenda Item 2. Notice of Any Other Business

Council Secretary requested any other business items for consideration on Sunday.

### Agenda Item 3. Minutes of October 2016 Council Meeting

There were two amendments noted from the minutes, these being:

C4 – DG 105I requested it to be noted that the ROI's service is now known as the National Vetting Bureau and no longer the Garda Vetting Unit.

E6 - 80,000 litres of water and not 18 million litres.

With these amendments they were proposed by DG 105I, Seconded by DG 105SW and accepted and signed by Council Chairman and Council Secretary. **Decision 137-16**

#### **Agenda item 4. Matters carried from October 2016 Council Meeting**

The minutes were reviewed, with the following updates from the meeting:

- Deputy Data Protection office still required
- Meeting of Lifeskills Ltd Trustees still required – action PDG Alan Chapman and DG David McDowell
- Patrons copy of MD Directory being arranged for HRH The Countess of Wessex
- Council expressed their sincere thanks to PDG Lion Roger Handcock for his designs of potential new MD logos.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Ratification of Email Decisions**

Attached as **Appendix 1** is the emailed decisions taken since the October Council meeting, which were ratified by Council, having been proposed by DG Susan Tyson and Seconded by DG Fred Broom. **Decisions 132-136**

##### **5.1 PCC Bryan Riley – MD Insurance Advisor**

PCC Lion Bryan Riley attended the meeting and thanked Council for allowing him to attend. He presented details on the Music Competition and provided some clarity on the issues referred to him in the letter from Council, sent on behalf of Council by the Council Chairman. PCC Bryan expressed his disappointment with a letter being sent and commented that he believed it could have been avoided by a phone call and as such he asked Council for an apology to be made to him.

PCC Bryan advised that he was unaware that the sponsorship agreement which had ended in 2016 could not be extended without the agreement of Council, and clarified that it was not now his intention for any sub district to enter the European Music Competition as he now understood that the rules did not allow this.

Council confirmed that they accepted Bryan's explanation about his misinterpretation of the sponsorship and commented that their issue was concern with the lack of transparency with Council not having been kept apprised of discussions and actions being taken by PCC Bryan in his MD Offices as both MDO Music Competition Officer and MDO Insurance Advisor Officer. Council was concerned and alarmed by the non - disclosure and non-approval of the financial arrangement made by PCC Bryan with a supplier to the MD.

Council agreed to refer PCC Bryan's request for an apology to the MD Lions Legal Advisor for an informal view as to whether it had been appropriate for Council to admonish PCC Bryan for seeking to continue with the Music Competition and for his having made an undisclosed and unapproved financial arrangement with a supplier to the MD.

Council Chairman confirmed that she had, at Council's request, confirmed with the MD supplier concerned that the insurance premiums paid by Clubs had not been increased by the actions of PCC Bryan in obtaining the undisclosed sponsorship.

DG 105D raised an issue with Bryan's report with regards to a reference to Reading Lions Club, who use a professional contractor for their firework event. DG asked if Bryan would remove the reference to the club in his report, which was duly noted.

DG 105W asked a query on behalf of one of his clubs. Bryan asked if the club would contact him direct which was noted.

Council Chairman thanked Bryan for his attendance and confirmed she would get back to him at her first opportunity.

### Agenda Item 6. CNRO Report

Council welcomed Lion Trevor Kell to the meeting who spoke to his report at Section A2 of the council papers. Trevor presented the 16 resolutions received for discussion at MD Convention and following discussion Council made the following decisions.

- Resolution 1 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate, with a minor amendment. **Decision 138-16**
- Resolution 2 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate, with slight amendment recorded. **Decision 139-16**
- Resolution 3 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 140-16**
- Resolution 4 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 141-16**
- Resolution 5 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 142-16**
- Resolution 6 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 143-16**
- Resolution 7 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 144-16**
- Resolution 8 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 145-16**
- Resolution 9 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 146-16**

Council agreed that to help the flow of convention that a covering note should go out to clubs, with the papers, asking delegates to support resolutions 1 to 9 inclusive being taken en block, but allow delegates the opportunity to raise any issues before hand, so that they can then be discussed and if appropriate that particular resolution can be debated and voted upon separately. **AGREED**

- Resolution 10 – Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 147-16**
- Resolution 11 – A concern was expressed about this resolution as it was felt that it could unintentionally impact 105I, as such it was proposed by DG Paul Allen, Seconded by DG Rod and voted upon by a majority decision to withdraw this resolution. **Decision 148-16 to REJECT resolution.**
- Resolution 12 - Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 149-16**
- Resolution 13 - Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate, with amendment made to wording. **Decision 150-16**
- Resolution 14 - Agreed to reject this resolution as not sufficient financial information. **Decision 151-16**
- Resolution 15 - Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate. **Decision 152-16**
- Resolution 16 - Agreed to accept as constitutional and appropriate, with slight amendment. **Decision 153-16**

Other considerations and decisions within the CNRO report were as follows:

**Decision 154-16** – Council did not wish to submit any amendment(s) to any of the received Resolutions.

**Decisions 155-16 and 156-16** - Council agreed to put forward two resolutions in their own name (i) resolution concerning Redistricting, (ii) Resolution concerning opposition to increase in Joining Fee. CNRO / Council Chairman to draft words.

**Decision 157-16** – Council agreed that MDHQ may circulate to Clubs, via usual channels of communication, details of all Resolutions received by the due date (Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016) and agreed by Council as Constitutionally acceptable, together with details of how amendments to the said Resolutions may be submitted to the CNRO, as the Appointed Officer. This to be circulated on or before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 with the covering letter on MD Headed paper.

**Decision 158-16** – Council authorised a committee of Chair of Council, Council Secretary and MDCNRO to “vet” any proposed Amendments properly submitted by Clubs and/or Districts by the announced closing date of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 as to their Constitutional acceptability.

**Decision 159 -16** – Council agreed that MDHQ may circulate to Clubs, via usual channels of communication on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017, details of all Resolutions and any Amendments received before the due dates.

**Decision 160 – 16** - Council agreed to advise the CNRO prior to Convention, of the names of Governors and/or MD Officers who will be proposing and/or seconding Resolutions or Amendments to be put forward on behalf of Council. Names to be notified post Council meeting.

**Decision 161-16** – Council agreed to the recommendation from the CNRO to delegate the responsibility of non registered delegates on the day of convention to the Credentials and Elections officer, PDG Mike Davis of the Host Committee.

**Decision 162-16** - Council agreed to appoint a chief Scrutineer and 6 deputies to oversee election of Candidates for Office of International Director 2018-2020. Those appointed were: PID Phil Nathan Chief Scrutineer DG 105M, DG 105D, DG 105SW. CC to seek 3 PDGs to nominate for Council Approval post Council Meeting.

### **Agenda Item 7 - Strategic Development Committee and Ireland Liaison Officer**

The officers report was noted by Council and a decision was agreed to approve an additional budget to allow a second face to face meeting of the Committee (nominally £600). **Decision 163-16**

#### **Council Chairman Portfolio**

A detailed report was presented and discussed as referred to in the papers at report A3 and the following considerations and decisions were taken following considerable discussion.

**Decision 164-16** - Approval given by Council to seek a formal legal opinion from Counsel on a request from District 105I for an apportionment of the MD Insurance Funds and of Other MD Assets on their leaving MD105 to become District 133 Ireland with effect from 4th July 2017. Terms of opinion in letter of engagement £2000 + Vat. Counsel also to be asked if Convention has powers to make exgratia payment.

**Decision 165-16** – Council deferred the position on Self-Insurance Fund as to whether D133 Ireland should receive pro-rata share of current MD fund as seed capital for their own fund. It was however suggested that 15% be paid to District Ireland Self Insurance Fund subject to Counsels opinion and any subsequent Convention Resolution.

**Decision 166-16** - Council approved the continued involvement of D133 Ireland in the MD105 Parade group and reception at International Convention. District Ireland willing to contribute to any costs, as agreed each year.

**Decision 167-16** – Approval was given for Lion David Colville to visit Ireland, if requested, to discuss Data Protection and Vulnerable Persons issues with Irish officers and that Ireland had confirmed they would pay costs.

**Decision 168-16** - District Ireland to participate in DG Training sessions post 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 was approved. District Ireland willing to meet any costs as agreed each year.

**Decision 169-16** – Council considered a number of suggested new MD105 logos to take effect 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and thanked PDG Lion Roger Handcock for his hard work. Council however decided to ask the membership to submit ideas for a new logo for MD 105 British Isles. C Sec to circulate Clubs asking for submissions by end February and agreed a deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> February, with the Marketing and Comms team short-listing to approx 5 which will be brought to MD Convention for decision.

**Decision 170-16** – Council approved that every Lion would receive a Car sticker of the new design.

### **Agenda Item 8 Membership and Leadership reports**

#### **F1. GLT**

The officers detailed report was noted.

#### **F2. GMT**

The officers report was noted and Council agreed that all DG's with the exception of District SW in conjunction with the DGE teams, the District GLT and GMT Coordinators would review and update their respective Membership Goals submitted to Lions Clubs International for this fiscal year. The DG's will after consultation with the teams update everything on the LCI systems. **Decision 171-16.**

Council expressed disappointment at the current low spend on membership activities in the Multiple District and asked that the officer review this urgently and present back to Council details.

#### **F3. Lioness Clubs**

The report was noted.

### **Agenda Item 9 Update on PR Matters and Lions lifeskills**

Lion Mandy Broadbent was welcomed to Council and updated the meeting on LifeSkills and Public Relations across the Multiple District.

Mandy spoke with passion about the many partnerships that were being forged with Life Skills, of the partnerships with Marie Curie, SOGB and Blind Veteran's UK and of the participation in the London Marathon.

Mandy asked for Council's support in letting her and the team have personal stories for the Community report, which would be available at MD Convention, together with good quality images and write ups of centennial celebrations.

Council Chairman and Council thanked Mandy for her hard work and commitment to the Multiple District.

### **Agenda Item 10 International Portfolio Reports**

The officers reports were noted with the following observations, comments and decisions.

#### **E1. Europa Forum**

Council Treasurer reported that a request had been received from the organisers of 2018 Europa Forum from District 132 for a voluntary contribution to be made (in line with the rules of procedure that MD 105 has agreed to) – to an approx value of £2K. Proposed DG Rod, Seconded DG Godfrey and approved.

**Decision 172-16** - Council considered suitably qualified Lions for the positions of Archivist (Secretary) and Treasurer to the Europa Forum. Council supported the nomination of PID Phil Nathan as Forum Archivist and PCC Philip Goodier as Forum Treasurer. Approved.

#### **E2. Korle Bu**

**Decision 173-16** Council agreed to sending out a further reminder regarding the current appeal for donations to complete our part of the agreed top-up funding to finalise the building and commissioning phase of this, MD105's very own Sightfirst Project. To be included in News feed February edition.

### **E3. Gift for Living**

Council received an informative update from PID Phil Nathan and agreed to a request to be raised across the MD for support to raise up to £85K to replace specialist hospital beds. This would be supported through an LCIF grant application. PID Phil wasn't asking for a new project but a continuation of funding from the Lions of MD105 to support this cause. Council agreed to its promotion.

### **E4. International Convention**

Council Secretary PCC Andy update Council to his report. He asked Vice council to consider their MD uniform and to work with MDHQ on the finalised design.

### **E5. International Relations officer**

Report was noted.

### **E6. LCIF**

The officers detailed and informative report was received and noted by Council. Council expressed a concern about targets being set for LCIF and asked that a letter be written by Council Chairman Heather to LCIF Chairman PIP Yamada to express the MD's dissatisfaction to this, copying the letter to the MD Officer.

### **E7 1-2-4 Sewing Machine project**

Report was noted.

## **Agenda item 11 MD Convention**

### **2017 Blackpool**

PDG Lion Paul Withers attended Council and in updating his report at A6 provided a presentation to Council on MD Convention 2017 – Blackpool. There followed many questions and an informative discussion.

DG Sue expressed concern from the Host Committee about the seeming lack of communication and difficulty in discussing matters with eh hotel contact. PDG Paul agreed to address any issues.

Council also considered the host committees desire to have an additional budget for them to put on something that can be remembered in the future as one of the best parts of this centennial convention. Council **deferred** this decision, requiring more information as to detail of proposal and why it would increase attendance specifically at Banquet and Ball.

Council were urged to promote Blackpool in their districts and PDG Paul circulated via the MD Sgt at Arms a presentation for DG's to use at their district conventions.

### **Convention 2018**

PDG Lion Paul presented an option for MD Convention 2018 to be held in Basingstoke at the Hampshire Court Hotel, Chineham, near Basingstoke over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Council approved this. **Decisions 174-16 and 175-16.**

A conversation followed about the chargeable element of the Social events to administration, to pay for support costs from MDHQ. MD Treasurer confirmed that this practice had been in place for many years, and Council agreed it for 2017 and 2018 conventions. **Decision 176-16.**

## **Agenda item 12 Health Portfolio Reports**

The Officers report was noted and Council agreed to increase the Health Portfolio budget by £495. **Decision 177-16**

### **D1. Diabetes**

The officers report was noted.

### **D2. Message in a Bottle**

The report was noted.

It was suggested and approved by Council that all competitors at SOGB Games should be presented with a Message in A Bottle container - cost £710 to the MIAB project. Council approved **Decision 180-16**, subject to the method of distribution being confirmed

### **D3. Medic Alert**

Approval requested to circulate MedicAlert Centennial Challenge Letter. Council agreed to this being included in News feed February edition. **Decision 178-16**

### **D4. Physical and Learning Disabilities**

A decision request to approve the draft Partnership Agreement between EFDS and Lions MD105, which is to be signed at MD Convention was deferred as the draft was not finalised and would require an email decision of Council.

Confirmation was given that the EFDS Appeal Letter can be sent out to Clubs, along with the approved Volunteer Form. To be included in News feed February edition, SOGB appeal to also be repeated. **Decision 179-16.**

PDG Ian Clare's desire to appoint a Deputy with a view to take over from him in July 2017 was noted, as was District 105M being requested to loan regalia and two marquees for use at the 2017 National Junior Games being held at Warwick University on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. Lion Ian is asked to discuss further with the DG 105M.

Treasurer reported that £14,711 had so far been donated for the SOGB appeal, against a target of £25K. DG's were requested to push this hard in their district newsletters.

### **D5. Sight Preservation and Awareness**

Report was noted

### **D6. LEHP**

Report was noted

### **D7. Speech and Hearing**

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Report was noted.

### **D8. Environment**

Report was noted.

### Agenda Item 13 - Council Treasurer Portfolio Financial Report (B)

#### B1: Council Treasurer

Council Treasurer gave his usual detailed and comprehensive report and asked Council to consider a number of decisions, which they duly did.

**Decision 181-16** That, with effect from 1 July 2017, the rates stated within the Rules of Audit in respect of mileage reimbursement, hotel accommodation and subsistence are as follows: Mileage 25p per mile. Breakfast £ 5.00, Lunch £10.00, Dinner £15.00, Daily maximum £30.00, Hotel £55.00. MDHQ staff rate continues at 45p per mile in line with Government approved mileage rate scheme

**Decision 182-16** That the Budget Submission for 2017-18 be accepted and the Dues for 2017-18 be set at £28.50 per member, based on 12,350 members. The Financial Forecast accompanies the report and questions were asked and discussions followed.

That reference be made to MD Legal Adviser Mike Greenaway for his views on the question of obtaining Counsel's Opinion and to make reference as to a suitable source. See earlier minute under Council Chairman's Report and **Decision 164-16**.

Council Treasurer reported that the MBNA affinity card was ending on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Council thanked PCC Lion Philip for his report.

#### B2: Charities Treasurer

Council Treasurer presented the detailed report and update of the Charities Treasurer and note the 147 clubs not registered who need to start the process.

Council were asked to consider a number of decisions, the following of which were approved.

- Approved the draft letter to the Lions Clubs not registered – to be sent by the Chairman on Behalf of Council. Minor grammar changes agreed. **Decision 183-16**
- Approved the draft letter to the Lions Clubs in default when the clubs have failed to respond or refused to register as a Charity (CIO) – to be sent by the Chairman on behalf of Council. Minor grammar changes noted. **Decision 184-16**.

It was agreed that the above two letters would be emailed to the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer's with a hard copy also to the President.

- Confirmed that the Council are indemnifying the CIO implementation Team and that the Lions Indemnity Insurance cover the work of the team. **Decision 185-16**
- To seek advice regarding money laundering from the solicitors. Should read Proceeds of Crime Act but advice of MD Legal Adviser to be sought. **Decision 186-16**.

Council considered the request for Secure offsite storage for club details when registering CIO and the storage of other Club Charitable Data. Council accepted the need to proceed and recognised the data volumes to be held but asked that costs and Data Protection issues be clarified before a decision is taken. **DEFERRED**.

Council noted the following requests by the officer.

- To note that the MD foundation will be collecting funds on behalf of the LCIF Measles
- Note the response of the Charity Commission to the letter from the Chairman – given in the report papers.

Council considered the recommendation of merging the Youth Trust with the MD Foundation but **DEFERRED** this decision.

Council also DEFERRED the decision request to approve a budget provision for a CIO team meeting in the Lions years 2017/18, 2018/9. Agreed that Council treasurer will discuss with the Charities Treasurer.

Treasurer referred to the forthcoming training day, being hosted by 105SE on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 and confirmed that 105SE had kindly agreed for 2 attendees from each of the other districts to attend. A booking form and letter was in the papers.

### **B3: Insurance Adviser**

Report noted and PCC Lion Bryan Riley attended Council as minuted at Agenda Item 5.

### **B4: Tax Adviser**

No report or update

### **Agenda Item 14 Redistricting**

Council considered in detail the responses from the recent consultation and discussed in detailed each districts views and comments, from both the Governor and Vice Council, to lead to the submission of a resolution to MD Convention 2017 that met the requirements of the Emergency Resolution passed at MD Convention 2016. A paper summarising the results of the Consultation has been prepared by PDG David Merchant and had been circulated to Council for their information. Council and Vice Council agreed by a majority decision to a resolution being submitted to Convention in line with Consultation Paper circulated for comment to Clubs on an 8 district proposition. **Decision 187-16**

### **Agenda item 15 Council Secretary Report**

The Council Secretary's report was received and welcomed. PCC Andy expressed his personal thanks, which was unanimously supported by Council, to Brigitte for the work she has done for this MD in the last few months, in particular, despite her personal challenges with the sad loss of both of her parents. Andy also thanked Council, on behalf of both Brigitte and Mandy for inviting them to the Friday dinner of Council this weekend.

Council Chairman asked Council and Vice Council to approve the reappointment of Council Secretary PCC Andy Pemberton to continue in office until 30th June 2018, to enable a review to be undertaken of the present duties undertaken by the Council Secretary, with the objective of splitting the role if appropriate, and seeking applications as appropriate for appointment as from 1st July 2018. Email from 1st VDG 105 M circulated to Council. Review committee to be set up 2 VDGs (M & SE) 2 DGs to be nominated after discussion by CC. Budget of £375 also set. Approved. **Decision 188-16**

### **C1. Council Secretary and MDHQ portfolio**

Council Secretary Andy thanked VDG Lion Chris Burrows for completing a 10 year building maintenance plan, and not 5 years as recorded in the report papers.

### **C2. MD Welfare projects and Special Appeals**

The Partnership with BVUK is a major one for MD105 so a request was made for DGs to recognise it as such, not just in promoting it within their Districts for Clubs to be donors to the major Appeals of 2010 & 2016, but to recognise that it offers us the potential to meet our motto of We Serve. This recognition to take the form of a major promotion of it within Districts to Zones & Clubs for them to consider positively all requests for volunteering service opportunities. To be included in News feed February edition. **Decision 189-16**

### **C3. Legal Adviser**

Thanks were again expressed by Council to Lion Mike Greenway for his sterling work for the MD over many years, but particularly in recent months with several requirements to call on his advice.

### **C4. Vulnerable Person's Officer**

The decision in October was for individual District Governors to consider which District Officers (see proposed roles listed in the report) should undergo a criminal record check. 105SE have responded to the officer and all DG's were asked to confirm which Districts have agreed to which District and Club roles. Districts to minute decisions on which post require clearance, and confirm this has been done. Also DGs to request clubs to record formal decision. The request was noted by DG's.

### **C5. Data Protection**

The detailed report was noted.

### **C6. Health and Safety**

Report was noted particularly the reference to a requirement for a new officer from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 on the pending retirement of the officer.

### **Agenda item 16 Youth Portfolio**

The officers report was noted.

### **H1. Leos**

Reported noted

### **H2. Lifeskills**

Report noted and presentation by Mandy Broadbent welcomed.

### **H3. Young Leaders in Service**

Council considered the request for MD105 to continue with Gold and Silver Awards with 2 signatures, these the Club President and either, Royal Patron or Council Chair. Council felt that volume may be too much for Patron, so CC to sign. Approved. **Decision 190-16.**

### **H4. Young Ambassador**

Report noted.

### **H5. Youth Exchange**

Council noted the request to give permission to design, source and supply 2017 Outward participants with a Tee Shirt for travelling to their destinations. It was agreed that the officer should approach the MD Youth Trust to see if funding is available as it is for them to decide.

### **H6. Peace poster**

Report noted.

### Agenda item 17 Centennial Programme

PID Phil Nathan presented the positive status of Centennial challenges within MD 105 and referred to some exciting district projects being planned in updating his report at A7 in the papers.

PID Phil requested that Council really push the need for clubs and districts to complete My LCI in reporting the centennial activities. It is estimated that less than half are doing this currently.

#### PID requested Council to:

- New Project Leads are required for Contact the Elderly & Swimming, Council have been asked to consider and nominate suitable candidates at the last three Meetings, none has been forthcoming. Noted.
- Encourage donations from Clubs towards 'Hearing Dogs' – Noted.
- Encourage Clubs to use existing LCIF 'credits' to award MJF to local figure heads to promote Lionism to their local communities – Noted.
- Despite Council direction now on four occasions, we still lack support for Centennial sponsors, no member of the Centennial Committee has been approached with a view to working with prospective contacts and no prospective sponsors have yet been identified. Will Council request this issue be embraced with the utmost urgency. NOTED.
- Approve circulation of letter concerning The London Marathon, the Dublin Marathon and the Great North Run running for the Hearing Dog Appeal. Approved to be included in News feed February edition. **Decision 191-16.**

### Agenda Item 18 Communications Portfolio

The Officers report was noted.

As referred earlier in the minutes, a new logo is needed for the new MD without Ireland – it is noted that an approach has been made but the comms team would like to run a competition to find a new and modern logo. Agreed as per **Decision 169-16.**

Council were asked to approve the concept of promoting the organisation by running an advertising campaign over 12 months – a budget cost of this would be £120,000, this equates to an increase in membership subs of £10 per year per member. Council considered this at length and saw difficulties in this proposal. As such they requested a strategy document for next 5 years, focussing on promoting local awareness. They therefore **Deferred** a decision until this information is received and can be considered.

#### G1. Information Technology

Report noted.

#### G2. Lion Magazine

The officers report was noted and the following considerations given by Council:

The decision to approve the appointment of a third member of the committee was deferred. Discussions are on-going.

To remind all DO's and portfolio co-ordinators that the magazine is their communication tool to members – NOTED.

What is the intention for the future production of the Magazine regarding Digital or printed? More clarification is required from LCI on way forward, so the decision was noted.

### **G3. Marketing and PR**

As outlined earlier in the minutes, Lion Mandy Broadbent in her excellent presentation to Council requested Lions Clubs to send in good quality images/photographs with stories. This was noted with a commitment from DG's and VDG's to push this to clubs.

### **G4. Sponsorship**

Report was noted.

### **Agenda Item 19 - Any Other Business**

- 19.1 Portishead Lions Club requested permission to circulate to Clubs information concerning a petition to request Government to remove VAT from purchase of Defibrillators. Considered by council to be a political issue was **REJECTED** by Council. **Decision 192-16**.
- 19.2 Request to pay District 105A an insurance claim in full to cover theft of 2 District owned projectors. Equipment stolen from a members parked car. **Deferred**. Already rejected in October 2015, report on circumstances of theft need to be clarified. A copy of Crime report was requested to go to MD Insurance Officer.
- 19.3 MD Officer vacancies July 2017 onwards – Council Secretary Andy will shortly circulate to Council and Vice Council a list of the forthcoming vacancies for MD Officers for 2017/18.
- 19.4 Blind Bowlers – DG Ron (M) gave a brief update). He will circulate information to DG's for information.
- 19.5 MD Convention 2017 pins now for sale £2.50

### **Agenda Item 20 - Closing Remarks**

International Officers' Comments

**PID Howard Lee** thanked Council for their hospitality over the weekend and wished all DG's a good convention, asking them to ensure they look after their International Guests. Howard commented on the redistricting proposals going to MD Convention by asking DG's to ask their members to express their opinions at Convention, but to do it in a lionistic manner.

**PID Phil Nathan** also thanked Council for their hospitality, wishing them good luck at conventions and asking for DG's to promote the centennial events in their districts and report the activities on My LCI, so that they can be captured and shared.

**The decisions itemised in these minutes are in the range 132-16 to 196-16 and show at Appendix Two.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 1.45pm with a toast to Lions Clubs International.

**Lion Heather Jeavons**  
**Chairman of Council**  
**20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Lion Andy Pemberton**  
**Secretary to Council**  
**20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**