

ROTARY CLUB OF SHERBORNE CASTLES

Milo River Bridge Project and others - Malawi

Email from David Pearson dated 17.02.13

Hi Russ,

Greetings from a very wet Blantyre.

David Paul has informed that there is just over £2000 left in the bridge account.

The contractor has agreed to carry out the reinforcement and rain drain on the bridge approaches and I will meet him this week to decide the dimensions of the concreting etc. It will be impossible to start work until the rains ease off and the road to the bridge dries out.

I have tried to meet the director of Blantyre public works but every time I make an appointment to see him he fails to turn up. I have been told by Peter Barratt [RC Limbe, who came to our club meeting] the chance of him carrying out the contract on the approach road to the bridge as non-existent , but any how I will still try to pressurise him.

The grinding machinery for the maize mill is complete and will be delivered when the road is passable this is unlikely this week.

The electrician will finish all the interior work this week and then ESCOM will be able to connect the 3 phase supply to the switch board.

Last Friday we completed the interviews and selected 2 men to operate the machinery and a lady to administer the accounts.

We had many applicants for the jobs. They will be paid £20 per month for the first 3 months and then if all goes well will receive a bonus and an increase of salary of £5 per month.

Due to the delays we are not planning to be back in UK until mid-March, so unfortunately will not be able to help with the 10K run.

It appears that UK is still very wet the only difference here is the temperature is 20 degC even in the rain.

Take care

Kind Regards

David