

	<p>December. It was therefore a shock on my return to hear the committee castigated in front of the choir. I consider this behaviour to be hurtful and extremely inappropriate. I can only wonder what the outcome would be if the situation had been reversed.</p> <p>May I add that I am sorry to be leaving as I found the choir to be a great source of enjoyment and relaxation. Once again may I offer my full support to the committee and would like to acknowledge their hard work.</p> <p>Susan</p>	
5. Financial Issues – Draft End of Year Accounts	<p>Robin has produced a draft I & E account plus a draft Balance Account. £17 had previously been ring fenced for the prison outreach fund. Following the closure of Kingston Prison it was decided to transfer this to the charity fund. A query arose over whether or not payment was made to Carolyn after the ATTA concert. Robin will investigate</p>	Robin
6. Financial Issues – Draft Treasurer’s Report	<p>Robin has produced a draft Treasurer’s Report for the year end. This was discussed & further comments made. This will be altered by Robin.</p>	Robin
7. Financial Issues – Donation to RNIB on behalf of Renate Ross	<p>A suggestion was made that a donation should be made to the RNIB following the death of Renate Ross. It was decided not to do this as we did not give to charity following the death of Bridget Poulter who was an existing member of the choir at the time of her death.</p>	
8. Financial Issues – MD’s Expenses	<p>The MD has requested £100 for conducting each of the concerts at the Salvation Army Hall & for Proms in the Park. (£200 in total). The committee has looked carefully at payments made for concerts over the past year. These have been variable but the general pattern has seemed to be £50 per concert & this is what the committee was expecting. For the Proms in the Park concert 2012 Carolyn was paid £50. The majority of the committee feel that it is unethical to increase a fee like this without warning. However, on this occasion we are agreeing to pay the amount requested in full. In future a contract for both rehearsal fees & performance fees must be drawn up & agreed by both the MD & the committee in advance.</p>	
9. Financial Issues – MD’s request for an increase in rehearsal fees	<p>For the year 2012 – 2013 the MD requested & was granted an increase in rehearsal fees from £90 to £100 per session. (11% increase)</p> <p>For the year 2013 – 2014 the MD has requested a further increase from £100 to £110. (10% increase)</p> <p>Having researched the remuneration of other local professional MDs & found that at least 3 receive considerably less than this the committee does not feel that this request can be granted at present. As a future recommendation it has been suggested that reference to the Consumer Price Index would be a useful guide to any increase in fees. If that had been applied over the past 3 years the MD would have received an overall increase of 9.8% whereas 11% has already been granted.</p>	
10. Financial Issues – Charity Fund	<p>Over the year £1005.19 has accumulated in the charity fund. £180 will be paid to Action Aid leaving £825.19 to be divided between the other 3 charities.</p>	
11. Membership	<p>Current membership is 59</p> <p>Weekly attendance this term has been 39 – 44</p>	

	The waiting list currently stands at 27 but it has been decided not to invite new members until after the AGM.	
12. AGM	Since the drafting of the new constitution has taken longer than was previously thought both the EGM & the AGM will now be held on Thursday 10 October.	

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