

## ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Present:** Carolyn Robson, Sally Bye, Sue Foulkes, Robin Sturdy, Judy Burt, Freda Lemmon, Gill Marsden, Susan Elverson

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.	
2. Matters Arising	Carolyn said that the CDs are ready for reproduction. She is happy to do this & to label them with Susan's help.	
3. Correspondence	Card of thanks from Keith Underhill following the Winter Concert. We also received an e-mail from Alton Town Council thanking us for our contribution to the Yuletide Fayre.	
4. 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Concert at URC Farnham in aid of Save the Children</b> There was an article in the Farnham herald praising the choir. The audience was disappointingly small. The proposal to give this a miss next year was unanimously agreed. Carolyn would approach Robin Radley to see if he would like to organise a concert in Alton in the future.	Carolyn
5. 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Concert at Alton Methodist Church</b> This was an overwhelming success. The accounts for this concert are attached to the minutes. Ruth Biddiss wrote an article for the Herald but it was not published. We hope to have another concert at the Methodist Church with CMR on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2012. Gill to enquire.	Gill
6. 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Yuletide Fayre.</b> It was good to have a definite place to sing from. People seemed to enjoy it & it was felt that we should do this again.	
7. 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Singing at the "Golden Pheasant", Farringdon.</b> We collected £20. The space provided was not as good as the White Hart. Freda will ask the managers of the White Hart about singing there next year.	Freda
8. 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>New Year's Ceilidh at Bentley Village Hall.</b> This was a brilliant evening with a lovely atmosphere. We collected £209.88 in donations which gave a cash surplus of £129.88. The raffle raised £90. Sincere thanks are given to the Band & Caller. Also to Judy for organising it and to Freda for organising the raffle. We hope to repeat it next year.	
9. 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	<b>Burns Night at Gilbert White's House, Selborne 7.30 – 10.00.</b> Details not yet finalised but the choir is asked to arrive at 8.00 pm. Parking could be difficult so we should share cars where possible. Choir uniform required.	Freda
10. 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	<b>a) Ceilidh in aid of Hampshire &amp; Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.</b> The main hall at the Assembly Rooms has been booked. The small room & kitchen have been pencilled in. Gill & Judy will investigate further to see if we need these 2 rooms. The Morris men are organising a Folk Weekend which will coincide with this. It has been agreed that 'Dempsey, Robson & Tweed' will give a concert from 7.00 – 8.15 pm without an interval. The Ceilidh will run from 8.30 – 11.30 pm. The choir must be encouraged to attend this as we will be performing.	Judy & Gill

	<p><b>b) It has been suggested that our rehearsal on 12<sup>th</sup> July should be an open one to advertise the whole weekend.</b></p> <p>Need to investigate the possibility of using another rehearsal venue, Alton College or Amery Hill School.</p>	Gill
11. Stourhead	<p><b>Singing at the Stourhead Festival of the Voice</b> May/June 2012</p> <p>Carolyn is unable to make this weekend so we might try for 2013.</p>	Sally
12. Update on Portugal and/or Chippenham	<p><b>Portugal</b></p> <p>Carolyn &amp; Sue have now met Jenny, Helen Haiselden's sister with a view to going to Portugal to sing. The suggested dates are 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013. Sue will contact the Portuguese choir.</p> <p><b>Chippenham</b></p> <p>Carolyn will find out if we are able to sing at Chippenham.</p>	Sue  Carolyn
13. Kingston Prison	<p>Suggested dates are:- Sat 24 March, Sun 25 March, Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May, Fri 11 May, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May, Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May or Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May. Sally will contact Maggie.</p>	Sally
14. Charities	<p>One is to be the HIOWAA. The 2<sup>nd</sup> charity is "Sing For Your Life".</p>	
15. Financial Report	<p>The charity fund stands at £495.32. The balance is 5340.96</p>	
16. Membership	<p>Membership = 64/65 with a waiting list of 21. Weekly attendance is between 39 and 52. Jeremy Dowling &amp; Elizabeth Jones have left. Jennie Lampton doesn't attend but doesn't want to leave but hasn't paid. She should be asked to pay or to leave. 2 new people have been invited,</p>	Sue
17. Summer Social	<p>The summer social will take place at Judy's house on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August</p>	
18. Date of Next Meeting	<p>24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Judy's home: The Bartons, Goatacre Road, Medstead. GU34 5PU.</p>	
19. AOB	<p>10<sup>th</sup> November – possible carols workshop of songs collected in the New Forest</p> <p>ATTA – Robin will forward e mails from ATTA to the choir.</p> <p>ATTA have visitors from Pertuis in October. We might perform a short concert for them.</p> <p>Contact Tina Longman – Alton College re Berkoff Theatre.</p>	Gill