

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 13th November 2014 at The Friends' Meeting House, Alton at approximately 21.00 hrs.

The meeting was chaired by Gillian Moore

Present

Members of the choir, the Committee and Musical Director, Carolyn Robson.
In all 47 people attended.

Apologies

These were received from Jackie Slack, and Debbie Vodden.

1. Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 10th October 2013

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Sue Lawrence and seconded by Don Hammond. They were unanimously approved by those at the meeting.

2. Chairman's Report

Presented by Chairman Gill Moore, who gave a résumé of the events in which ACC had taken part during the past year and she thanked the committee and others who have contributed to the running of the choir. The full report will be available on the Alton Community Choir website.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The accounts for the year 01.09.2013 to 31.08.2014 were presented by the treasurer, Sue Lawrence. Simone Tooley (a commercial accountant and niece of a choir member) kindly reviewed these accounts and recommended them for approval. Income exceeded expenditure for the year by £589.34 giving total assets of £5,289.48 at the year end. Sue said that subscriptions could stay at £96 for the coming year. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Penny Cushing and seconded by Julia Burns and were accepted by those at the meeting. The accounts and financial report will be available on the website.

4. Amendment to Constitution

The amendment of clause 8.4.4 of the constitution was proposed as follows;

'The committee shall advise the amount of funds collected for charitable donations during the past year and confirm that this amount has been distributed to the charities selected at the previous AGM. Nominations, proposed and seconded, for charities to be supported during the current year must be received by the Secretary a minimum of 14 days before the AGM.'

Proposed by Sue Lawrence, seconded by Robin Sturdy. The amendment was approved by those at the meeting.

Sue explained that the previous wording related to a time, many years ago, before we had a specific Charity Fund in our accounts. The revised wording reflects our current practice. The amendment was unanimously approved.

5. Recommendation for Charities

To agree the charities to be supported in 2014/15

For many years ACC has supported ActionAid by sponsoring one child at a time. It was proposed that the support (sponsoring Mifuzu Yahaya) at £180 a year should continue.

Other suggestions for support were:-

- a) Two hospices serving the Alton area - St Michael's Hospice and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, to be considered as a single charity from a funding aspect – proposed by Jackie Slack – seconded by Don Hammond

b) HomeStart Weywater - proposed by Mark Rumsby – seconded by Ruth Rumsby

It was unanimously agreed that we should continue to support Action Aid and to divide the remainder of our charitable funds, collected in the coming year, as follows; half to Homestart Weywater and a quarter to each of the hospices.

6. Report on membership

Current membership is 64. (maximum number 65). There is one vacancy (to be filled in January) and 2 people are on the waiting list.

There have been 12 members to join in the past year.

7. Committee

In 2013 the current committee members were elected to serve for a two years. No nominations were received for the single vacancy.

8. AOB

- Deidre Tully asked what would be the date of the proposed joint choirs' day. This will be on Saturday 21st March 2015. A provisional booking has been made at Bentley Village Hall.
- Sue Lawrence asked how ACC membership felt the Committee was managing the new constitution with regard to consulting the members on financial commitments. She pointed out that we want to keep things as quick and easy as possible, but on the other hand we don't want to prevent anyone having their say on important matters. The consensus was that the system was working well, but that it might be helpful to have advance notice by email if a voting issue is to take place the next practice.
- Hayden Chappell queried why Bentley Village Hall had been chosen for the joint choirs' day and why Bentley was chosen for an Alton organisation. He pointed out that Alton Community Centre would be a suitable venue (at competitive rates) for such ventures.

With no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.40pm.

Minutes - Helen Brown 2014.11.14

Proposed – Sue Lawrence – 2015.11.12

Seconded – Penny Cushing – 2015.11.12