

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 7th February 2019 at The Friends Meeting House, Alton
at 19.00hrs.**

Committee: Ann Foulkes (Chairperson), (AF)
Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary), (HB)
Sue Lawrence (Treasurer), (SL)
Christina Good (Membership Secretary), (CG)
Carolyn Robson (Musical Director), (CR)
Barbara Parry (Publicity officer), (BP)
Pete Stephens (Committee member) PS

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Apologies	SL chaired meeting as AF was a little late arriving.	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 22 nd November 2018	Proposed by PS seconded by BP. The minutes were signed. HB to notify ACC when they are on website. <i>(on website 13.2.19)</i>
Matters Arising	As dealt with elsewhere.	
Finance	As at 09.11.18 Charity Fund £668.54 Overseas Fund £469.80 General Fund <u>£7,411.71</u> Total £8,550.05	Money collected at the pub at the end of last term still to be added to charity fund.
	Clarification re choir policy with regard to charity collections at future concerts.	See 'recent events' for info.
	Funding 'get-togethers'.	CG suggested having a cash fund available for buying items as needed. £50 was approved. CG to keep a record of expenditures.
Membership	Members – 63. Waiting list – 0.	1 new member joined in January.
Correspondence	24.01.19 Email via CR re 'Madding Crowd' singing workshop on Sunday 24 th Feb at Soberton Village Hall.– to pass on to ACC. (done 5.2.19)	Passed on to ACC 5.2.19
	27.01.19 Email via CR re Singing Southampton (Community events in and around Southampton & Beyond)	Asked for info re events in Feb in the following format;- Choir Name Event Name Date and Time Venue plus address Ticket info Additional Info Contact Details
GDPR	All updated.	New members sign an agreement on joining.
Recent events	2.12.18 Mulled Wine Weekend – Gilbert Whites House, Selborne	Small audience, choir 'balance' not ideal. Performance room not very satisfactory. HB to write to functions manager re problems.

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Recent events (cont)	06.12.18 (Thursday) Winter concert. Alton Methodist Church. Guest choral choir – ‘Take Note’.	Programme, performance and refreshments all good. Profit £221.64, retiring collection £242.50 Total of £464.14 to pay into Charity Account.
		There were significant issues re setting up which must be resolved for future concerts at this venue. Problems were with doors, sound system, lighting and lack of personnel to help move equipment and to set out chairs before the performance.
		We need to be clear about who is responsible for various tasks.
	13.12.18. Short performance at Orchard House at 7.00pm (well-known carols for joining -in included)	Very appreciative audience of about 20 - £24.99 collected by residents. (Roger Tibble (resident) suggested we contact him in the future – he organises the trips etc. (Contact 07981 243957) he’d like to know of future concerts etc.) First contact the manager.
	13.12.18 End of term at The Crown at 8.00pm	A good finish to the term
	21.12.18 ACC was invited to lead carol singing at Broadlands RDA Christmas party.	A small group went. (most enjoyable)
	24.01.19 After practice get-together.	Thanks to CG, Julia (& Clare for cake)
Forthcoming events/concerts	07.03.19 After practice get-together.	
	28.03.19 – Guest Choir leader, Brendan Taaffe booked to lead choir – Can do up to 2 hours.	HB to email Brendan to check details. (Timing, accommodation, travel, payment.)
	Accommodation	At HB & Chris Brown’s.
	Fee arrangements (£200)	SL to give cheque payable to HB & HB to withdraw cash.
	Sunday 30.06 19 Sarah Morgan Foundation choirs concert at Winchester Guildhall. 2.00 to 5.00pm. Combined Winchester, Petersfield, Alton Community Choirs, Andover Spotlight Singers and ‘Take Note’ choral choir.	No charge expected for participants – CR to update as necessary. Tickets to be available for public.
	Thursday 4.07.19 – Summer concert	SL to investigate hiring Alton Methodist Church
	Summer Social at Judy’s (15.08.19)	Thanks for the kind invitation from Judy

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Possible events / ideas	Choirs get-together – Cecil Sharp House Choir and ACC	Continue on hold. No further action
AGM	2017 Chairman’s report still to go on website.	HB to arrange with BP & Debbie (<i>on website 13.2.19</i>)
	2018 AGM	Financial reports etc and Chairman’s report still to go on website. HB to arrange with BP & Debbie (<i>on website 13.2.19</i>)
Website	Approved November committee meeting minutes to go on website	HB to arrange with BP & Debbie
Facebook	Working well	Thanks to Debbie
AOB	31.01.19 practice cancelled due to forecast for heavy snow.	Decision taken Wednesday 30.01.19. (Positive comments received – no negatives.)
	Friends’ Meeting House piano available if we wish.	Not required.
Next meeting	Thursday 16 th May 2019, 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton	

Minutes submitted – Helen Brown

Proposed by – Anne Foulkes

Seconded by – Pete Stephens