

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday, 3rd November 2016 at The Friends' Meeting House, Alton at approximately 21.00 hrs.**

The meeting was chaired by Barbara Parry

Present

Members of the choir, the Committee and Musical Director, Carolyn Robson.
In all 53 people attended.

Apologies

Judy Burt, Ann Foulkes, Allan McKenna, Mark Rumsby, Robin Sturdy, Alan Tucker, Isabel Tucker, Lesley Wright

1. Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 12th November 2015

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Joanna Ridout and seconded by Ann Brinton The minutes were unanimously approved by those at the meeting.

2. Secretary's Report in lieu of Chairman's Report

Presented by Secretary Helen Brown, who gave a résumé of the events in which ACC had taken part during the past year. She thanked the committee and others who have contributed to the running of the choir with a special mention to Carolyn Robson, Musical Director. The full report will be available on the Alton Community Choir website.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

(A copy of the accounts was circulated to the membership by email prior to the meeting.)
The accounts for the year 01.09.2015 to 31.08.2016 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. There is a deficit for the year of £272.37 giving total assets of £5,026.67 at the year end. Sue proposed that subscriptions should stay at £96 for the coming year. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jackie Slack and seconded by Pete Stephens and accepted by those at the meeting. The accounts and financial report will be available on the website. Sue Lawrence was thanked for her unenviable task as treasurer.

4. To review long-term support for Action Aid

(A report of Sponsorship through Action Aid by Penny Cushing was circulated to the membership by email prior to the meeting.)
That the long term support of Action Aid should continue was proposed by Penny Cushing and seconded by Don Hammond. This was carried unanimously.

5. Recommendation for Charities

To agree the charities to be supported in 2016/17;

- a) Médecins sans Frontières: proposed by Jenny Hallett; seconded by Christina Good
- b) Music in Detention: proposed by Joanna Ridout; seconded by Sue Lawrence

It was agreed that we should continue to support Action Aid and to divide the remainder of our charitable funds, collected in the coming financial year, equally between the two nominated charities.

6. Report on membership

Current membership on role is 64, (maximum number 65) with a waiting list of 6. The Chair thanked Jenny (membership secretary) for the friendly welcome and important information

given to new-comers.

7. Election of Chairperson

Ann Foulkes was nominated by Jenny Hallett and seconded by Helen Brown: this was unopposed.

8. AOB

Carolyn was pleased to report that the Sarah Morgan Foundation is now a registered charity and is open for applications of grants of up to £500.

With no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm.

Minutes – Helen Brown 2016.11.07

Proposed – Julia Burns

Seconded – Jackie Slack

Committee (03.11.2016)

Ann Foulkes – Chairperson

Helen Brown – Secretary

Sue Lawrence – Treasurer

Jenny Hallett – Membership Secretary

Barbara Parry – Publicity

Pete Stephens – Committee member

Carolyn Robson – Musical Director