

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 28th January 2016 at The Friends Meeting House, Alton at 19.00hrs.

Committee: The position of chair person is vacant
 Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary), (HB)
 Sue Lawrence (Treasurer), (SL)
 Jenny Hallett (Membership Secretary), (JH)
 Carolyn Robson (Musical Director), (CR)
 Barbara Parry (Publicity officer), (BP)
 Pete Stephens (Committee member), (PS)

Pete Stephens was appointed chair for the duration of this meeting.

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Apologies	All the committee was present	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 26 th November 2015. Proposed by Sue Lawrence, seconded by Carolyn Robson. The minutes were signed.	HB to notify ACC that the minutes are available.
Matters Arising	Dates of spring and summer terms now on web-site home page.	
Key to Hall	BP has a key for the main door and is responsible for locking up. JH will unlock.	System working satisfactorily. Choir needs to leave hall ASAP to allow furniture to be returned to position promptly.
Finance	As at 24.2.16 Charity Fund £487.10 Overseas Fund £469.80 General Funds £6930.19 Total £7887.19	
	Change of signatory.	In progress.
Membership	Currently 65 members. Waiting list 3.	
	Circulation of 'new member' information sheet to all ACC discussed.	Agreed. JH to send sheet to HB for emailing. (<i>done – 5.2.16</i>)
Correspondence	2.12.15 / 10.1.16 / 25.1.16 /26.1.16 – emails – HB to Emily-Jane Messenger re performing in public gardens in the summer.	
	16.1.16 – email HB to Trevor Mason re possible concert with Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir following suggestion from Alastair Gordon.	

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Correspondence (cont.)	22.12.15 / 10.1.16 / 11.1.16 – emails Denise Ellis – HB re proposed fundraising concert for Cardiac Rehab.	
	19.1.16 – email Don Hammond to HB re concert (22.10.16)	
	19.1.16/26.1.16 – emails Don Hammond – HB – Sue Lawrence re visit to Pertuis	
Recent concerts/events - Evaluation	Saturday 5.12.15 – Summon up the Sun.	Well attended – went extremely well. ACC seemed to enjoy performing.
	Sunday 6.12.15 Gilbert White Museum. Part of Mulled wine event at GWM – free entry to public	Seems popular, but limited audience
	17.12.15 – Orchard House	Very well received by a fairly small audience. Donation to our charities
	17.12.15 Christmas Carols etc at 'The White Hart'	Good social event for choir – well received by pub staff – generously provided mince pies.
Future concerts/events	23.4.15 (Sat) Joint-choirs day with Stanchester Quire, Somerset. CR contacted Bonnie Forsyth – OK with them. Coach travel option.	*Ascertain availability of ACC. (yes – 4.2.16)
	25.5.16 (Wednesday) Sarah Morgan Foundation concert in Winchester (5 Choirs + 'Belshazzar's Feast' – 20 minutes programme approx for each choir)	Winchester Guildhall booked from 7.00pm. Concert 7.30 – 10.30pm approx. Singers to pay towards cost of tickets. Date to go on website. *Ascertain availability of ACC. (yes – 4.2.16)
	12.6.16 (Sunday) Queen's 90 th birthday celebrations – Alton Public Gardens (afternoon)	HB to ask Emily-Jane Messenger for more info. *Ascertain availability of ACC. (yes – 4.2.16)
	2.7.16 (Saturday) Summer entertainment in Alton Public Gardens (afternoon)	HB to ask Emily-Jane Messenger for more info. *Ascertain availability of ACC. (yes – 4.2.16)
	22.10.16 (Sat) Concert re ATTA – visitors from Pertuis, France.	*Ascertain probable availability of ACC. (yes – 4.2.16)
	3.12.16 (Sat) A Hampshire Christmas/Winter concert (Hampshire songs,	JH ask Gill Moore if she is willing to act as contact and to enquire

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	carols & readings etc.) (Date TBC)	re availability of Methodist Church. ACC members to be approached re relevant material – HB to email ACC – deadline for material 30.6.16. *Ascertain probable availability of ACC. (yes – 4.2.16) (5.2.16 - Gill willing to liaise with Methodist Church)
	* HB to email ACC with above dates asking members to check diaries for availability for a show of hands on Thursday 4 th February. (done-2.2.16)	
	Fundraising concert for Cardiac Rehab.	HB corresponding with Denise Ellis re arrangements.
	Possible concert with Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir (BHMVC).	Negotiations ongoing.
Visit to Pertuis	2017 (summer?)	Don Hammond to put us in touch with a contact in Pertuis for discussion.
Website	New lyrics now on 'Lyrics' page	
	Sound files	Work in progress (Greg Bucknall)
	Confirmed diary dates to go on site	BP
	Link address in process of being changed.	(Currently being directed to Gill Moore, SL has offered to be contact for time being)
Publicity etc.	FaceBook – need photo of ACC – permission will be needed from members.	Work in progress
	Pull-up banner	BP to investigate suppliers, costs and designs.
	Photo boards (2007?)	HB passed them on the BP
	Charity collection boxes.	Pete has organised two.
Next meeting	Thursday 25 th February 2016, 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton	

Minutes submitted by Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary)

Proposed by – Sue Lawrence – 25.2.2016

Seconded by – Barbara Parry – 25.2.2016