

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 25th May 2017 at The Friends Meeting House, Alton at 19.00hrs.

Committee: Ann Foulkes (Chairperson), (AF)
 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)

| Item | Discussion | Action / Comments |
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| Apologies | Jenny Hallett, Sue Lawrence | |
| Minutes of the last Meeting | Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 16 th February 2017. Proposed by Ann Foulkes seconded by Barbara Parry. The minutes were signed | <i>(put on website – 8.6.17)</i> |
| Matters Arising | | |
| Finance | As at 10.05.2017 Charity Fund £1,014.23 Overseas Fund £469.80 General Funds £6,098.25 Total £7,582.28 | |
| Membership | Currently 63 members. 2 vacancies. No-one on waiting list. | |
| Correspondence | 02.03.17 – email from Joanna Ridout (to CR cc. to HB) re Music in Detention song – event (Joint with Anna) | |
| | 2.3.17 – from Ysanne Bonner requesting info re recording a CD – HB replied with info 4.3.17. Also comment re choir get-together. | See AOB and page 4 |
| | 3.3.17 – email from Penny re Alton Theatre | Circulated to ACC 4.3.17 |
| | 3.3.17 – email from Pete Stephens re publicity Barn Dance in aid of Genesis Research Trust (8.4.17) | Circulated to ACC 4.4.7 |
| | 24.3.17 – email from Ani Colville re singing workshop and walk at Sheet (9.4.17) – | Circulated to ACC 25.3.17 |
| | 5.4.17 – email + flyer from Anna Tabbush re Singfest (1/2/3.9.17) | Circulated to ACC 22.5.17 |
| | 12.5.17 – email from Penny Cushing re ATTA BBQ and walk (9.8.17) – circulated to ACC 14.5.17 | |
| Recent events | 9.03.17 – pre-practice get-together | Well attended – thanks to Julia for organising it and for Karen for baking a cake |

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| Recent events (cont) | 04.05.17 – pre-practice get-together to celebrate ACC's 17 th birthday. | Well attended – thanks to Julia for organising it and for Emilia for baking a cakes |
| Forthcoming events | 17.06.17 – Concert at Cecil Sharp House, Camden, London. Joint choir concert with Cecil Sharp House Choir. HB booked coach booked. | |
| | Carla Willis-Brown contact at CSH | BP – sent publicity graphics & photo – info corrected |
| | | BP – in hand |
| | Song programme in hand. (Approx 2 hours). | 2 sets from each choir finishing with joint performance of 'Tom of Bedlam'. |
| | Coach – HB booked with TopMarks – cost of 49 seater £500. Leave Alton at 16.00hrs. | Suggested pick-up points Four Marks, Alton opposite Sainsbury's, Eggar's Bus stop, Farnham – near Waitrose. – HB to contact TopMarks |
| | Cost of coach to be subsidised by choir funds. | Cost per passenger - £5.00 |
| | Concert tickets for guests | CR to make enquiries re cost. |
| | Refreshments at Cecil Sharp House | CR to make enquiries re availability. |
| | Expected ACC participants – total 37 | 16 Airs, 7 Altos, 6 tenors, 7 basses. |
| | CDs and song books | Have some available for sale - CR |
| | 13.7.17 Summer Concert at Alton Assembly Rooms | Jane Austen themed programme |
| | Programme of songs and readings in hand. | HB to circulate email asking for volunteers readers (<i>done 27.5.17</i>) |
| | Design for publicity poster approved | Thanks to BP |
| | Tickets (£5.00) and other publicity | Alton Community Association Committee |
| | Collection for ACC charities | Retiring collection – baskets to be available |
| | Summer social. | Judy has kindly invited ACC to her home again. Suggested dates – 10 th or 17 th August TBC |
| | Possible joint choir concert with Basingstoke Male Voice Choir | Ongoing discussion – BP and Trevor Mason (BHMVC) to attempt to arrange something – possibly in the run-up to Christmas, or another time. |
| Robin Radley, has invited ACC to perform a winter concert, in aid of the Indian charity CHIKS, at Farnham in the lead up to Christmas. | HB to send email to ACC to ascertain interest/support for Farnham and/or Alton-based concerts. (<i>done 30.5.17</i>) | |
| Alton based winter concert | | |

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| Forthcoming events (cont) | Possible ACC visit to Brittany | Has support from ACC. CR to see Julian Weaver (Brittany contact) at week-end (end of May) – looking into feasibility. Estimated cost in region of £350 pp. |
| | Possible ACC twinning visit to Pertuis, France | Currently on hold |
| | 14.12.17 – suggested singing at Orchard House | TBA – with resident's association (not admin. office) |
| | 14.12.17 | End of term get-together and sing – venue TBA |
| Term dates (autumn) | Thursday 7 th September to 14 th December – half-term break 26 th October | |
| Website | Lyrics and soundfiles of current songs on website | Thanks to BP |
| | Minutes of committee meetings updated onto website | Thanks to BP |
| Publicity | Press release re. Cecil Sharp House concert to be circulated to local press and local media. | BP |
| AOB | Ysanne Bonner (Phoenix choir) commented that Phoenix choir would love to be involved in another get-together of choirs, should one be organised. | See Addendum A |
| | AGM – date TBA early next term | Jenny will resign from the committee next term. (See Addendum B for Committee info.) |
| | Facebook | BP said that Debbie Vodden has volunteered to set up an ACC Facebook page and also to help with website. BP to contact Debbie. |
| | Leader Exchange – (one-off) with Lester Simpson | CR to make arrangements |
| Next meeting | Thursday 6 th July, 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton | |

Minutes submitted – Helen Brown

Proposed by – Ann Foulkes

Seconded by – Barbara Parry

Addendum A

02.03.17 - Email from Ysanne Bonner There's another thing I wanted to ask with my other choir hat on (Phoenix Choir). Many of the ladies have asked if you might be thinking of doing another joint choir day in the future? They all enjoyed it so much and would love the opportunity of being involved in another one.

Addendum B

| | First elected onto Committee | Notes | Latest date for eligibility for committee membership (Max 6 years) |
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| Carolyn Robson | NA | | NA |
| Ann Foulkes | 2016 (November) | Elected November 2016 | 2022 |
| Barbara Parry | 2015 (October) | Co-opted onto committee May 2015. Elected 2015 | 2021 |
| Helen Brown | 2013 (October) | Re-elected 2015 | 2019 |
| Jenny Hallett | 2013 (October) | Re-elected 2015 Jenny will resign from the committee next term. | 2019 |
| Pete Stephens | 2015 (October) | Elected 2015 | 2021 |
| Sue Lawrence | 2013 (October) | Re-elected 2015 | 2019 |