

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 25th January 2018 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)

Sue Lawrence chaired the meeting.

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Apologies	Ann Foulkes	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 16 th November 2017	Proposed by Pete Stephens seconded by Barbara Parry. The minutes were signed
Matters Arising	Membership stickers / badges	Those seen by CG were very expensive – she'll investigate further.
Finance	As at 19.01.18 Charity Fund £ 623.06 Deposits for Brittany £ 650.00 Overseas Fund £ 469.80 General Fund <u>£6,136.53</u> Total <u>£7,789.39</u>	Weekly raffle takings (for choir charities) £25 to £30 per week – thanks to generous choir support.
Membership	62 members – 3 vacancies – 4 new members started at the beginning of term – not all expected to take up membership waiting list – 4	All on waiting list to be invited to join although this would take numbers to 66. (Insurance not a problem – never full attendance) Membership fees to be paid after an initial trial of 2 weeks
Correspondence	All covered below	
Recent events	Winter Airs concert – Alton Methodist Church - 2.12.17	Excellent – first rate feedback – choir ever improving! Profit of £220.60, retiring collection £100.40, £321 for charity. 84 tickets sold. (less than 2016) Refreshments good, planning good informal recording made and available on CD to ACC – for voluntary donations – £59.00 raised to date – for choir charities
	Winter Airs concert – 9.12.17 – in aid of CHIKS – Farnham Methodist Church.	23.12.17 - email of thanks and appreciation received from Robin Radley – effusive praise!

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Recent events (cont)	03.12.17 – 3.30pm. Singing at Gilbert White's House, Selborne.	Lovely atmosphere and acoustics. (Imbalance of parts – 1 tenor!) Small appreciative audience. 12.12.17 email of thanks received with invitation to sing 1/2 Dec 2018
	14.12.18 Singing at Orchard House –	Small, very appreciative audience. Collection made by residents
	14.12.18 Singing at The Crown.	An enjoyable social evening. Landlord arranged an impromptu collection – raised £60.60 HB sent email of thanks. ACC invited to sing there in the summer.
Forthcoming events/concerts	Sunday 6 th May – afternoon – Invitation to sing at 'Bower Decking' at Oakhanger Village Hall (in company with Alton Morris)	<i>('show of hands' from ACC (25.1.18) indicated sufficient support to make this viable.)</i> Ascertain contact and reply (HB) Accept invitation.
	Mulled Wine weekend 2018 – 1 st /2 nd December 2018	Date to be finalised nearer the time. HB to reply.
	Winter concert	Possibly Thursday 6 th December – SL to investigate availability of Alton Methodist Church.
Visit to La Gacilly, Brittany 22.06.17 to 25.06.18.	02.01.18 - Booking form and information email circulated to ACC.	Completed forms and deposit of £50.00 per person to be returned to Sue Lawrence by 2 nd February at latest. (extension from 25 th Jan) <i>(SL spoke of extension at rehearsal)</i>
	Numbers of participants/ guests	SL to co-ordinate
	IBIS hotel, Redon booked. Approximately 51.30€ per night, plus breakfast at 6.15€ per person and visitor tax of 0.70€ per person per night.	Julian has made a provisional booking of 10 single and 16 double rooms
	Julian Weaver would like details of hotel accommodation requirements ASAP.	SL to liaise with Julian
	Bout du Pont restaurant is booked for Sunday lunch	ACC to pay for meals – ideally this will be incorporated in overall cost.
	A hall is booked for Saturday and Sunday evenings.	Catering is being arranged. ACC to pay for meals – ideally this will be incorporated in overall cost.
	Saturday evening concert in the church.	
	Sunday Musical evening	
	Saturday mostly free.	
	Sunday visit to 'une cidrerie'	
Possible events	Concert with Basingstoke Male Voice Choir	Optional dates – 17 th March or 21 st April. 17 th March best fit. <i>('show of hands' from ACC (25.1.18) indicated sufficient support to make this viable.)</i> HB to liaise with Mark Offord (BMVC)

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Possible events (cont)	Concert with Basingstoke <u>Hospital</u> Male Voice	BP has been in touch (24.1.18)
	Concert to raise awareness of Music in Detention	Currently no further action
	Choirs get-together	Currently no further action
	Concert or? With Cecil Sharp House choir?	Currently no further action –
		(CR has a contact with The Village Quire, possibly in Herefordshire!)
Website	Lyrics	Updated
	Soundfiles	Updated
	Diary dates	Updated
	Regular practice times added.	
	Approved October 2017 minutes added	
	Approved November minutes	HB to contact Debbie to put on site.
Publicity	Currently not applicable	
Facebook	frequently updated	Thanks to Debbie
Leader Exchange		To be arranged – CR
AOB	Summer term dates	29 th April to 5 th July. Half-term break 31 st May
	Query from choir member re availability of scores	Many scores are in the books 'View the Land', 'Cottage Garden Trees', 'When the Snows of Winter Fall' and 'The Wind May Blow' – available from CR. Many songs used by ACC are copyright various composers/arrangers, therefore cannot be freely copied.
Next meeting	Thursday 22 nd February 2018, 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton	

Minutes submitted – Helen Brown

Proposed by – Sue Lawrence

Seconded by – Pete Stephens