

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 12th November 2015 at The Friends' Meeting House, Alton at approximately 21.00 hrs.

The meeting was chaired by Gillian Moore

Present

Members of the choir, the Committee and Musical Director, Carolyn Robson. In all 51 people attended.

Apologies

Jackie Slack, Don Hammond, Sue Foulkes, Helen Smith and Brian Good.

1. Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 13th November 2014

The dates of the ACC financial year to be amended from '01.10.2013 to 30.09.2014' to '01.09.2013 to 31.08.2014'. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Sue Lawrence and seconded by Penny Cushing. They were unanimously approved by those at the meeting.

2. Chairman's Report

Presented by Chairman Gill Moore, who gave a résumé of the events in which ACC had taken part during the past year and she thanked the committee and others who have contributed to the running of the choir. The full report will be available on the Alton Community Choir website.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The accounts for the year 01.09.2014 to 31.08.2015 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 slight surplus for the year of £9.56 giving total assets of £5,299.04 at the year end. Sue said that subscriptions could stay at £96 for the coming year. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Lesley Wright and seconded by Alastair Gordon and were accepted by those at the meeting. The accounts and financial report will be available on the website.

4. To review long-term support for Action Aid

The majority agreed that ACC should continue with long-term support of a charity and that it should remain with Action Aid.

5. Recommendation for Charities

To agree the charities to be supported in 2015/16;

- a) Basingstoke and Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity: proposed by Ann Brinton; seconded by Peter Foulkes
- b) Nordoff Robbins, music therapy: proposed by Helen Brown; seconded by Debbie Vodden
- c) Williams Syndrome Foundation: Proposed by Julia Burns; seconded by Lesley Wright

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

6. Report on membership

Current membership on role is 64, (maximum number 65), some are leaving and 4 people are expected to join in January. There are 7 people are on the waiting list.

7. Committee

Carolyn thanked Gill and Robin, who are standing down from the committee, for their valued contribution.

The committee members were nominated as follows;

- Secretary – Helen Brown: proposed by Robin Sturdy; seconded by Sue Lawrence
- Treasurer – Sue Lawrence: proposed by Gill Moore; seconded by Jenny Hallett
- Membership Secretary – Jenny Hallett: proposed by Helen Brown; seconded by Robin Sturdy
- Publicity Officer – Barbara Parry: proposed by Pete Stephens; seconded by John Barnett
- Committee Member – Pete Stephens: proposed by Barbara Parry; seconded by Denise Lovett

All positions were unopposed.

The position of chairperson is vacant. Committee members will take it in turns to chair committee meetings until the position is filled.

8. AOB

- Maeve Scowcroft asked if the position of the Altos could be changed at rehearsal. Carolyn agreed to try the suggestion.
- Lesley Wright asked if the AGM has to take place at this time of year, in doing so reducing valuable practice time leading up to a concert. Sue explained the timing in relationship to the ACC financial year and getting reports checked and approved. Helen explained difficulty this year with reference to availability of key personnel.
- Mark Rumsby raised the subject of a coinciding concert date with that of another local choir. He wondered if such problems could be avoided in the future. Carolyn explained that it had not been possible to change as our venue had been booked long before we were aware of the clash.

With no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.40pm.

Minutes – Helen Brown, 2015.11.17

Proposed – Joanna Ridout, 2016.11.03

Seconded – Ann Brinton, 2016.11.03