

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 6th July 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
Apologies	All committee present	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 25 th May 2017. Proposed by Ann Foulkes seconded by Barbara Parry. The minutes were signed	
Matters Arising		
Finance	As at 30.06.17 Charity Fund £1,131.55 Overseas Fund £ 469.80 General Fund <u>£ 6,119.25</u> Total <u>£7,720.60</u>	
	CSH offered £200 towards ACC's expenses	SL to present an invoice to CSH. <i>(13.07.17 The retiring collection at the Jane Austen Concert was £124.58 which will go into the ACC Charity Fund.)</i>
Membership	Currently 63 members. 2 vacancies. No-one on waiting list.	
	One recent enquiry – 29.06.17	Jenny to respond and invite to concert on 13 th July.
Correspondence	13.04.17 Invitation received for Alton Town Mayor's reception in May	HB to email, apologising for overlooking this. <i>(done 07.07.17)</i>
	26.06.17 – Invitation to sing at Mulled Wine weekend at Gilbert White's House – 2 nd /3 rd December	Check availability of choir <i>(done 6.7.17)</i> . HB to respond to GWH <i>(done 9.7.17 – accepted re Sunday 3.12.17)</i>
	21.06.17 – email to Sally Davies and Carla Willis-Brown (CSH)	Thanks for involvement in CSH choir's summer concert.
	28.06.17 – email + flyer from Anna Tabbush re Singfest (1/2/3.9.17)	circulated to ACC 28.06.17
	02.07.17 – email circulated to ACC re Lucy Broadwood concert, Rusper, W Sussex (featuring amongst others Carolyn)	<i>(Also on ACC website – 14.07.17)</i>

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Correspondence (cont)	06.07.17 – email from Alan Tucker saying they are advertising the Jane Austen concert at the Allen Gallery – and could they advertise their current JA exhibition at the concert.	<i>(06.07.17 HB replied verbally saying we thought this would be OK)</i>
Recent events	17.06.17 – Concert at Cecil Sharp House, Camden, London. Joint concert with Cecil Sharp House Choir.	Positive feedback – diverse programme, complex harmonies commented on. CSH choir would like to come to ACC at some time.
	Travel by TopMarks coach company worked well	
Forthcoming events	13.7.17 Summer Concert at Alton Assembly Rooms at 7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm	Jane Austen themed programme
	Programme of songs and readings are in final stages of rehearsal.	
	Final information – meet at 6.15pm, songs in choir folders in order of performance, wear choir uniform.	HB to circulate to ACC <i>(done 09.07.17)</i>
	Tickets (£5.00)	Available from Alton Community Association Committee – Tel 01420 85057
	PA system	Microphones and stands + sound engineer - to be provided by ACA
	Collection for ACC charities	Retiring collection – baskets to be available <i>(The retiring collection was £124.58 which will go into our Charity Fund.)</i>
	17.08.17 - Summer social at Judy Burt's home.	HB to circulate email to ACC with info re location, refreshment arrangements etc. <i>(done 11.07.17)</i>
	Pre-practice get-together.	HB to contact Julia to arrange a date. <i>(Done 11.7.17 – arranged for 28.09.17)</i>
	02.12.17 – Winter concert (Date subject to availability of a suitable venue) Possible venues – Alton Methodist Church, Assembly Rooms, 6 th Form College.	SL to make enquiries. <i>(Done 07.07.17 – Methodist Church had anticipated the booking by making a provisional booking – now confirmed)</i>
	03.12.17 – Singing at Gilbert White's House, Selborne	Ascertain support from ACC <i>(Done 06.07.17)</i> HB to confirm with Amanda Pagett at GWH <i>(Done 09.07.17)</i>
09.12.17 – Concert at the invitation of Robin Radley in aid of CHIKS (Children's Homes in Kerala state, India) at Farnham Methodist Church		

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Forthcoming events (cont)	Possible joint choir concert with Basingstoke Male Voice Choir	BP did her utmost to try to make arrangements for a joint concert in the run-up to Christmas. This is not possible. Discussions still ongoing – looking to arrange something in 2018.
	14.12.17 – suggested singing at Orchard House	BP to contact Orchard House Residents Association ASAP.
	14.12.17	End of term get-together and sing – venue TBA
	Visit to La Gacilly, Brittany	CR spoke with Julian Weaver (Brittany contact). Likely dates Friday 22 nd June to Monday 25 th June
Possible events	Choirs get-together	Currently on hold
	Possible ACC twinning visit to Pertuis, France	Currently on hold
	Concert or? With CSH choir	
	Music in Detention event -	HB to contact Joanna Ridout for further information
Term dates (autumn)	Thursday 7 th September to 14 th December – half-term break 26 th October	
Website	Term dates	Now on 'diary' page of website
		<i>(All dates agreed for next term now on website – 14.07.17)</i>
Publicity	BP has issued 2 press releases to local press re Jane Austen and CHS concerts	
		<i>(local radio mention – 13.07.17)</i>
Facebook Page	Debbie Vodden has volunteered to set up an ACC Facebook page	<i>(Done 08.07.17, thanks to Debbie)</i>
AGM	02.11.17 at approximately 9.00pm (after a shortened practice)	Jenny will resign as membership secretary – Christina Good has agreed to accept a nomination for the position. (See addendum for further information re the committee)
AOB	CR not available to lead practice 12.10.17	CR to arrange substitute
	Leader Exchange – (one-off) with Lester Simpson	CR to make arrangements, possibly early 2018
Next meeting	Thursday 14 th September, 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton	

Minutes submitted – Helen Brown

Proposed by – Pete Stephens

Seconded by – Barbara Parry

Addendum

	First elected onto Committee	Notes	Latest date for eligibility for committee membership (Max 6 years)
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