

**ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at The Friends Meeting House,  
Alton at 19.00hrs.**

**Committee:** Gill Moore (Chairman), (GM)  
Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary), (HB)  
Sue Lawrence (Treasurer), (SL)  
Jenny Hallett (Membership Secretary), (JH)  
Carolyn Robson (Musical Director), (CR)  
Robin Sturdy (Committee member), (RS)  
Also, Barbara Parry as publicity officer

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Comments</b>
Apologies	All committee members present, together with Barbara Parry.	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2015. Proposed by Sue Lawrence and seconded by Gill Moore. The minutes were signed.	HB to notify ACC they are available as an attachment if members wish to see them before they are on the website. <i>(done 09.05.2015)</i>
Matters Arising	Kettle and mugs etc in the Meeting House kitchen can be used if the choir needs them, provided all is left clean and tidy.	
	CR requested that, in future, copies of the minutes of the previous committee meeting be sent out with the Agenda for the following meeting.	
	Barbara Parry kindly volunteered to take on the role of publicity officer. She was invited to this meeting.	
Finance	Bank Balance at 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2015, £13,705.07. Made up of General Fund, £6,325.19; Charity fund, £620.44; Herborn trip, £6,762.07.	
Membership	Currently 63 members. 2 recently resigned. 3 joined this term. 7 on waiting list.	
	HB sent email of welcome to new members – 24.04.2015	
	SL proposed that subs this term should be halved for new members because the practices will be concentrating on	Unanimously approved.

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	material in readiness for the trip to Germany and AWC, making it difficult for them to fully participate.	
Correspondence	27.3.15 – Invitation from Town Mayor of Alton to a civic reception on Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> April.	<i>(Declined as it clashed with 1<sup>st</sup> day back after Easter break)</i>
	Email from Pete Stephens (received 16.4.15) re Ceilidh,	forwarded to ACC 21.4.15
	Email from Pete Stephens (received 16.4.15) re Marcia Howard gig,	forwarded to ACC 21.4.15
	Email re SingFest (received 27.4.15)	forwarded to ACC 5.5.15
	Song Leader Taster Day in conjunction with Winchester University	CR to send information to HB for distribution to ACC
Trip to Herborn	Financial, hotel and travel arrangements in hand.	
	CR has tried to find out how long the ACC performance needs to be.	CR currently waiting for a response to her enquiry.
	Performance programme. Prior to the meeting CR proposed to include two items (duet by 2 choir members, Northumbrian pipes) in addition to songs sung by the choir. SL thought this inappropriate. Discussion followed and the remaining committee voted they should be included.	See addendum provided by SL
Future Events / Concerts	25.6 15 – <u>At Wars Command</u> at Waverley Abbey House. WAH is organising publicity and selling tickets. Information is available on the WAH website. Posters and flyers are being printed. The title of the show by Sarah Morgan, 'At War's Command' has been omitted from the posters and publicity. This was not noticed on a draft sent to CR and HB. Ideally this should be rectified. CR asked that the website be amended to include the title.	CR has been in touch with Emilia re the omission.
	Emilia emailed asking ACC's requirements eg details of numbers, rehearsal requirements, arrival time. Tea and coffee will be available. We need to know time of performance.	Currently 31 members to attend. HB to email Emilia asking about performance start time, and checking availability of screen as well as providing the information

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	<p>she requested? <i>(done 13.5.15)</i> CR to phone Emilia</p> <hr/> <p>4.7.15 – <u>AWC</u> at Alton Community Centre (evening)</p> <hr/> <p>12.7.15 <u>Birthday Ceilidh</u> (afternoon/early evening) at Beech Village Hall., Beech near Alton.</p> <hr/> <p>* 16.7.15. 7.30pm – 8.00pm - Singing at ‘<u>Orchard House</u>’ residential home followed by singing at ‘<u>The White Hart</u>’, Holybourne.</p> <hr/> <p>13.8.15 – Summer Social</p> <hr/> <p>* Saturday 5.12.15 – <u>Summon up the Sun</u>. Alton Methodist Church booked.</p> <hr/> <p>* Sunday 6.12.15 Gilbert White Museum. Confirmed – 3.5.15.</p>	<p>Currently no further action.</p> <hr/> <p>Hall booked 2.00 to 9.00pm. Party 2.30 to 8.00pm. CR booked a band at special rate of £200. <i>(booking of hall in name of Helen Brown, payment of £170 due by 29.6.15 at the latest)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Barbara Parry to organise publicity. HB to ask Alison to put the date on the website. <i>(Done 13.05.15)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Currently no further action. HB to email members nearer the end of term with info re venue and refreshments etc.</p> <hr/> <p>Brief discussion re involvement of church and church members. The general feeling is that it is simpler act independently. Details to be organised later. HB to ask Alison to put the date on the website. <i>(Done 13.05.15)</i></p> <hr/> <p>HB to ask Alison to put the date on the website. <i>(Done 13.05.15)</i></p>
Publicity	Barbara to arrange publicity of events in whatever ways are appropriate, e.g. posters, flyers, newspaper.	
Website	<p>Problems with bass sound-file of ‘We Gather here together’.</p> <hr/> <p>Minutes of committee meetings available as ‘word’ attachments from HB prior to being placed on website.</p> <hr/> <p>* See Events and Concerts section. Dates and times (where available) to go on web-site.</p>	<p>CR to try to sort it out with Alison <i>(Done by 12.05.15)</i></p> <hr/> <p>HB to notify ACC when they are available.</p> <hr/> <p>HB to notify Alison and ask if she could put them on the website. <i>(See above – done 13.05.15)(All 3 events now on web-site – 16.5.15)</i></p>

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Next meeting	Thursday 11th June 2015, 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton	

Minutes submitted by Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary)

Proposed by – Gill Moore

Seconded by – Jenny Hallett

#### Addendum

Discussion re Concert programme for Herborn. (notes provided by Sue Lawrence)

MD proposing to include duet by choir members and set of Northumbrian pipe tunes in programme.

SL disagreed with this feeling egalitarian ethos of community choir made it inappropriate to highlight individuals to this extent, particularly when individual or small group contributions had not been specifically invited. Also that these items limit time for choir to perform during the only concert on this trip. She asked that views of other committee members be sought.

MD said her understanding of community choir was to encourage all musical performance by members, in small groups or in whole choir. She acknowledged that she is also an informal ambassador for Northumbrian pipes and keen to introduce them to people who may not have seen or heard them. She felt that variety of instrumental, duet and choir items made performance more interesting for audience.

SL confirmed that her views were purely personal; she has not heard any opinions expressed by other members.

Other committee members agreed that variety makes the show more interesting. They felt that individual or small group contributions had been invited, and noted that the MD is responsible for musical decisions concerning the choir.