

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 23rd October 2014 at The Friends Meeting House,
Alton at 19.00hrs**

Committee: Gill Moore (Chairman),
Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary),
Sue Lawrence (Treasurer),
Jenny Hallett (Membership Secretary),
Carolyn Robson (Musical Director)
Robin Sturdy (Committee member)

Item	Discussion	Action / Comments
Apologies	All members of the committee were present.	
Minutes of the last Meeting	Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 18 th September 2014, proposed by Sue Lawrence and seconded by Gill Moore. The minutes were signed.	Approved minutes to go onto website. HB to ask Alison.
Matters Arising	HB spoke to Alastair Gordon re the contacts he had given her. (Treloar's College and Westland Care Home).	They were suggestions of places where we might perform rather than organisations requesting performances. The addresses will be filed and the organisations approached if and when appropriate.
Finance	Current bank balance - £8208.94	Annual subscriptions have just been paid, hence the high balance.
	Charity balance - £00.00 for the year 2014-15.	Cheques have been sent to Alton Food Bank, Centre Point and ActionAid, using the entire charity fund raised during 2013-14
	Simone Tooley, Ann Grainger's niece has agreed to independently review the accounts.	
	Brought forward from committee meeting – 18.9.14. Review of musical Director's fees. The criteria for determining the fees for the Musical Director were discussed and agreed upon. They should be based on	Based on the agreed criteria Carolyn fees should increase from £100 per session to £104.60 per session, from the beginning of September 2014. GM will amend the current

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	the July Consumer Price Index and applied from the beginning of the following September. The fees will be reviewed annually.	agreement to include the new fee. This will be signed by Carolyn, ACC Musical Director and Gill, ACC Chair.
	Electronic banking. Some members have asked if this might be possible as they would find it a convenient way to pay their subs.	SL has been investigating how this could work. If we were to proceed it would mean that only one person could operate paying out of the account, whereas now two signatures are required on each cheque.
Membership	There are currently 64 members on role. Two started last week and one from the waiting list is to start today.	Email addresses of new members have been passed on to HB
	There is one person on the waiting list.	
	Two members have recently left.	
Correspondence	'Bulk' emails to ACC members. 1.10.14 email from Peter Foulkes re Holybourne Singers concert 22.11.14 4.10.14 email from Petersfield Community Choir re Lucky Moyo workshop 25.10.14.	.
	22.10.14 email from Mark Rumsby, prior to AGM, re charities for the choir to support.	.Possibly support a (local) musical charity. Keep the support local rather than national.
Future Concerts	At War's Command – Sunday 9 th November 2014, 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, Liss.	CR would like the choir at the church by 5.30pm. There is plenty of parking near by. Do not use Church CP except for unloading and for disabled access. CR to send running order to HB to be forwarded to ACC. CR to distribute readings to individuals.
	Winter Concert – Saturday 6 th December 2014, 7.00pm at Alton Methodist Church.	Posters are with the Church and will be distributed. 80 numbered tickets have been printed and given to GM. Volunteers will be needed to set out chairs, in afternoon and to

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		<p>clear away chairs afterwards. People are needed to make/provide mince pies and/or non-alcoholic punch. (Gill Marsden has volunteered a good recipe for punch.) HB to circulate an email for volunteers as above. <i>(Done 29.10.14)</i></p>
	The overall programme is in hand. It was felt that appropriate readings by choir members would add variety to the programme	SL to invite ACC members for suggestions of items of poetry and/or prose. <i>(Done)</i>
	End of Term at The Golden Pheasant. The publican has invited ACC for 18 th December.	If ACC approve, this will go ahead. <i>(A show of hands since, indicates approval)</i>
Joint Choirs Venture/s	<p>This is planned for 21st or 28th March 2015.</p> <p>HB emailed Amery Hill explaining their charges were too great. (24.10.14)</p> <p>HB made enquiries re availability of Holybourne Theatre by contacting, Bob Yelland (14.10.14)</p> <p>SL to make enquiries re availability and cost of Bentley Village hall</p>	<p>Not available on Saturdays.</p> <p>Available 21st & 28th March. Cost £12.00 hr – or less per hr for long bookings. <i>(NB. 3.11.14 The booking of Bentley Village Hall has since been confirmed for Saturday 21st March from 10am - 6pm. The timing can be easily altere. £95 payable on the day. Capacity is for 100 people.)</i></p> <p>CR to check dates of ‘SpringSing’ run by Anna Tabbush, before final decision re date booking for the Joint Choirs Venture <i>(This will be 18.4.15)</i></p> <p>This was approved by a show of hands by ACC.</p> <p>CR will contact choir leaders.</p>
	Approval re spending of money for this project will be sought from ACC at rehearsal.	
	CR has already made contact with a	

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	choir leader at Rowledge.	Possibly, a choir at Crondall and Guildford Vox)
	A sub-committee will be needed.	This will be organised nearer the time.
Website	Choir photo update.	Currently no action – though the idea has not been rejected.
		Alison has updated it with current diary dates, including info re AGM as well as the minutes of the May and June committee meetings are
		No volunteers were forthcoming from Alison’s request for help – though this is now not as urgent because she has had family help.
Proposed trip to Herborn	Sue Lawrence had a meeting with Ruth and Mark Rumsby on Monday 29 th September re arrangements etc.	Plans are proceeding. Highlight will be a concert with three choirs; a church choir, rock choir and ourselves.
		Ruth, Mark and Ursula Vollmer are working on the costs of a hotel.
		Sue has been further exploring the logistics of the coach journey.
AGM	Thursday 13 th November at 9.00pm.	HB sent notification of the meeting to ACC members by email on 9.10.14, and by letter on 14.10.14
AOB	19.9.14 Lester Simpson raised the subject of the occasional exchange of choir leaders, when chatting informally to HB after a gig. (He leads a choir in Derbyshire.)	CR liked the idea – thought it might be possible provided it fitted in with rehearsal schedules.
	Lesley Wright (choir member) has suggested practise times could start at 7.30pm until after Christmas, providing additional practice time for a full schedule.	This was considered by the committee, and suggested it be put to ACC at a practice if it was felt appropriate.

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	Lesley suggested consideration could be made to making a change of practise time could possibly be made permanent.	HB to reply to Lesley suggesting this could be presented as an item for discussion at the AGM, if she so wished. <i>(Replied)</i>
Next meeting	Thursday 27th November at 7.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Alton	

Minutes submitted by Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary)

Proposed by –

Seconded by –