

ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 9th January 2014 at The Friends Meeting House, Alton
at 18.30hrs**

Present: 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 14 th November 2013 was proposed by Gill Moore and seconded by Robin Sturdy. The minutes were duly signed.	HB to ask Alison Bucknall if she can ensure the approved minutes are available on the website
Matters Arising	Rejoining Alton Town Twinning Association (ATTA)	RS to act as linking contact SL and Robin to arrange to renew membership.
	SL now has a list of members, though not a list of past members.	
Finance - banking	New signatories are now fully approved.	(SL, GM & HB)
	The bank are still making arrangements re where to send statements and other financial correspondence.	
Finance – Contract/agreement etc.	The agreement between ACC and the MD has been finalised.	It was accepted by all at the meeting. It will be reviewed as and when necessary.
	Signing of the agreement.	Carolyn and Gill signed it.
Finance – insurance	SL asked about where the insurance documents are and when renewal is due	RS has the papers. He believes renewal is due later this month.
Membership	Rosie Ingrey and Helen Haiselden have sent emails cancelling their memberships. Rosie is expecting a baby and Helen is moving away.	Jenny had been informed. She has contacted those on the waiting list to take their places. We wish them well in their new ventures.
	There are currently approximately 60 members with about 5 on the waiting list.	Some new members are expected at the term's first practice. Jenny to contact those on the waiting list to bring membership to 65.
	HB asked about attendance numbers at rehearsals.	Specific numbers were not available, though most absences were explained. At a glance attendance seems to be about 50 each week.

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Correspondence	11 Nov 2013. Email to CR from Gilbert White House re arrangements for performance on 1 st December.	The performance went ahead as planned – see past concerts
	10 Dec 2013. email to CR from John Geoghegan (East Hants District Council) re Community Project Funding	No action taken
	16.12.13. Email to CR from Tomas Kaluzak of Borovere Care Home thanking ACC for their performance.	The message was circulated to ACC members
	17.12.13 Email to CR from Daanish Zaki of Pax Hill Care Home requesting a possible performance in January or February.	See future concerts
	Assorted emails to HB have been received. Subject matter included re passwords, apologies, possible CD.	HB has responded to the emails.
Past Concerts	22 Nov - Alton turning on of lights	Not very satisfactory. It was very cold. Too long. ACC and children singers could not be heard by the audience.
	1 Dec - Gilbert White	Was enjoyable, lovely atmosphere and it went well. Thanks to GWH for refreshments.
	12 Dec - Borovere Care Home	ACC was much appreciated. Went well despite restricted space. Lovely refreshments, thanks to BCH.
	19 Dec - Golden Pheasant	Went well. Thanks to landlord for an abundance of mince pies & mulled wine. Singing became very enthusiastic as evening progressed!
Future concerts	25 January 2014 - Treloar College	Event in aid of Treloar College. ACC to sing 2 sets of 3/4 songs. ACC can join in with the ceilidh. Light refreshments to be provided by the organisers for ACC.
	Pax Hill Care Home	Possible date – 27 th Feb 2014 – before practice. CR to gauge availability and interest from ACC members at today's practice. (There was a positive response.)
	Joint Choirs Concert	No further development just yet. CR to follow up and await results.
	Possible commemorative concert	No further information
	Proms in the Park	Date likely to be 12 th July

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Future concerts (cont)	Autumn Concert at Community Centre	ACC is happy to support the Community Centre though has reservations about doing an autumn concert as a regular event.
	At War's Command	Carolyn explained this was a show done by CMR which could be quite easily adapted for ACC to perform, with the idea of doing several performances. The general feeling was this would be a suitable project for the choir.
CD	Several ACC members asked about the possibility of recording a second CD.	This is a distinct possibility. Much needs to be considered and made clear e.g. purpose, cost, material, timing etc. The Constitution needs to be checked re the agreement of ACC members before proceeding.
Website	The website has been updated with information re personnel, membership waiting list and a list of songs for the spring term.	Thanks to Alison for all her hard work
Trip to Herborn, Germany.	SL is in the process of drawing up a survey to circulate to ACC members to gauge the interest and availability of members for such a visit.	Circulation date to be arranged.
		RS to begin making enquiries re transport.
	A minimum of approximately 30 singers will be needed.	
	Ursula, in Germany, is very enthusiastic and hopes to meet with CR in order to make arrangements.	
AOB	CR will not be available to lead the choir on 6 th February.	Carolyn will arrange for a substitute.
Next meeting	Thursday, 13 th February, 19.00 hrs at The Quaker Meeting House, Alton.	

Minutes submitted by Helen Brown (Minutes Secretary) 23rd January 2014

Proposed by Gill Moore

Seconded by Robin Sturdy