



## Minutes of Committee Meeting

### Mevagissey Social Club on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**PRESENT:** N. Nicholls (NN); R Mitchell (RM); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB); G Hoskins (GH); D Leeson (DL); P Bowker (PB); S Lawday (SL)

**1 APOLOGIES:** H Stobart (HS); S Gibson (SG); C Williams (CW).

**2 MINUTES of MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018:**

Agreed as true and fair record, proposed PB; seconded CB, carried unanimously.

**3 MATTERS ARISING:**

**Honorary membership:** R Daniel, B Hocking, I Morcom and D Way granted honorary membership, along with J Hunkin, at Mevagissey Christmas concert.

**Trailer tyres:** Cost reduced to £153. Les Hereward has agreed to action.

**4 TREASURER:**

GH presented accounts for November, the first month of the new financial year. Asked about the Harvest of the Sea refreshments item, he replied that this was the cost of the beer. Not included yet were:

gross proceeds from St Andrews concert £845; expenses were £100 music team; £25 church; £60 parking fine. Net proceeds £570. It was agreed that this should be shared as follows: £100 school; £280 Meva Ladies Choir and £280 MMC;

gross proceeds from St Augustine's concert £879.39 (£646:20; Collections £233:19); after expenses, net proceeds for St Petroc's were £712.

GH also reported that the account details of Stephen Gibson in the books were wrong and that seven payments, totalling £349:10, had not been received. The matter was being investigated by the bank. **Action:** GH to report back.

**5 FUNDRAISING:**

**Tesco:** PB reported that £409:10 had been collected in four hours outside Tesco on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, and 11 CDs sold. The committee thanks PB and other members – Ray George, Les Hereward, David Leeson, Roger Mitchell, Steve Truscott for their help. **Action:** PB to book slot for 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

**Fundraising Officer:** PB confirmed his intention to stand down at the AGM, having completed three years. He was again thanked by the committee for his work, raising nearly £5,000 in the past year alone, and between £4,000 and £5,000 over the previous two years. PB offered full support to his successor and said he was still prepared to organise Entertainment Night in April.

## 6 CONCERT DE-BRIEF:

**Mevagissey and St Augustine's:** Both big successes, although it had been suggested by a number of members that the raffle at St Augustine's had taken too long. It was agreed that this should be better planned next year.

**Penrice:** It was felt that the choir had not performed well, although there had been a good response from the audience (a full house).

## 7 CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:

**St Austell Brewery (22/12):** NN to compere and to thank brewery for their support. DL proposed that MMC should make a £200 donation to the Brewery's charity, seconded by PB and agreed unanimously. **Action: GH**

## 8 NEW CONCERT REQUESTS:

**Yealmpton:** CB reported that 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July had been offered. He was asked to see if 6<sup>th</sup> (best) or 13<sup>th</sup> were possible. **Action: CB** to ask members on 7 January

**Carclaze:** Committee to discuss return date with Carclaze at next month's meeting. **Action: CB** to raise.

**Indian Queens Methodist Ch (22/9/19):** Request to sing at Harvest Festival on Sunday 22/9. Fee offered. **Action: CB** to ask members on 7 January

**St Johns, St Austell (4/5/19):** MMC to host four choirs for International Competition – Cenestra (S.A.); Bridgend; Maelstrom (UK); Tamar Valley. Committee agreed to lend the Federation risers + keyboard for Eden events.

## 9 AGM (14/1):

MT reported that notice had been sent to all members. It was agreed that the agenda should include an item on members' subs. **Action: MT**

## 10 DINNER & DANCE (19/1):

46 acceptances to date, 22 monies received. **Action: SL** to confirm fee with band. Alison Harvey and Gerald Goode have sent their thanks and regrets that they are unable to attend.

## 11 FOREIGN/UK TRIPS:

In light of decision to abandon plans to visit Venice, a discussion took place about the future of choir trips/tours, including subsidies, which had remained the same since 1996. UK venues should be explored and long weekends. PB agreed to prepare a questionnaire to give to all members at the AGM. **Action: PB**

## 12 CHURCH PARKING:

Committee heard that Les Hereward had received a fine for parking at church while bringing risers for the St Andrews concert. Church had been 'unsympathetic'. It was agreed that any member should be advised that any member using the car park outside normal practice hours for choir business should contact church secretary in advance (phone details to be supplied).

**Action: NN**

### 13. MUSIC COMMITTEE:

Terry Coplin reported only new piece definitely on stocks for new year: "Let the River Run". PB reminded the committee that it had been agreed that recording should start in the new year. **Action:** NN to speak to the Musical Director.

### 14. CDs AND DOWNLOADS:

RM reported that new stocks were being supplied to Mevagissey book shop. Online sales good.

### 15. ALMONER:

No report.

### 16. MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

**Tops:** Still short of numbers.

**Seconds:** Chris Bale absent for health reasons – back in New Year

**Baritones:** Nothing to report

**Basses:** George Ellis in hospital for planned heart surgery.

### 17. TRANSPORT MANAGER & MARSHAL

MT noted that the constitution was unclear about how this appointment should be made. It was agreed that George Phillips should be asked if he would be prepared to take on all aspects of Transport Manager role. **Action:** NN/CB??

### 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Although the AGM has been scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> January, it was agreed that a committee meeting would be desirable in January and was fixed for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

### 19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

**Banner:** PB reported that the choir banner, which had been displayed outside St Augustine's, had gone missing again. He was following up with the council, who had noted it as 'an incident'. **Action:** PB to report back.

**Christmas Posters:** PB reported that he had put up posters in Mevagissey wishing Merry Christmas.

**Donation:** PB reported that a sum of £25 had been made to the Mevagissey public conveniences appeal in return for car park concession.

**Christmas Cards:** MT said these had been sent (mostly by email) to Friends of MMC and Hon Members. He proposed that lists kept by Friends Secretary and Almoner should be combined in future for this purpose. **Action:** MT

**Committee Meeting Attendance:** The Secretary expressed his disappointment at the failure of committee members to notify him when they are unable to attend meetings. Today's meeting was close to be cancelled for failing to quorate, which would have meant wasted journeys for the remaining members at a busy time of year. He urged all members to contact the Secretary **as soon as they know** they will be unavailable, for the sake of their fellow committee members.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Next meeting:** 8pm, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Mevagissey Social Club.