



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 20th March 2018

PRESENT: N. Nicholls; G Hoskins (GH); P Bowker (PB); S Lawday (SL); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB); D Leeson (DL); P Vellenoweth (PV); R Mitchell (RM); H Stobart (HS).

Meeting opened at 7.37pm.

1 APOLOGIES: S Gibson (SG)

2 MINUTES: of meeting held 20th February agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed, PB; seconded GH, carried unanimously.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

Music Bursary: Letter sent to Rebekah Bailey (Meva School) confirming bursary (requested by school accountant).

Phil Johns: HS reported that he had spoken to him about his intentions and paying his subs, but his reply was unclear.

Action: HS to try again

4 TREASURER:

GH produced balance sheet for February (*copy attached*). Not much activity during month. Members' subs continued to come in. A further £3,000 had been transferred to High Interest account. The 'error' noted at the foot of the statement referred to a transaction (Entertainment at Dinner Dance) which, although recorded as an expense, hadn't been carried across to the TOTAL EXPENDITURE column on the January Transactions sheet.

5 CONCERTS

St. Austell Brewery: CB reported that the Brewery had now asked if the Choir could perform an afternoon concert on 22nd December. Despite proximity to Christmas, Committee in favour, given the tremendous support given by the Brewery to the Choir.

Action: CB to put to members at next practice.

Minack: MT reported that the Culdrose MWC had requested costs of c£280 plus a donation of £250. The committee agreed that this was acceptable. PB reported that the Logan rock had been booked for the afterglow.

Feast Week: confirmed for 7.30pm on Monday 25th June.

Action: SG to invite Meva School.

CB to check whether they want MMC to organise.

Bude: Chris Bale still attempting to organise RNLI concert for September.

Action: CB to report back.

Harvest of the Sea: confirmed for 4pm, 14th October.

Ashburton: Chris Bale still attempting to organise joint concert with Plymouth MWC for October.

Action: CB to report back.

Tavistock: joint concert with Tamar Valley MVC confirmed for 20th October. Reciprocal deal agreed.

St Augustine's: Christmas concert proposal. CB yet to hear back from George Phillips.

Action: CB to pursue

Mevagissey Museum: Responded to our offer to take part in 50th anniversary celebrations by suggesting a September concert. However, Choir already has a busy September, so committee suggested offering to dedicate one of the August Quay concerts.

Action: MT to liaise with Museum.

Hall for Cornwall: closing for refurbishment this summer. PB suggested contacting re performing at the re-opening (2020?).

Action: PB to contact HfC.

Birmingham Symphony Hall: Following significant interest from members, NN contacted organiser re proposed 17th October 2020 concert. Only 380 singers required. Event still not confirmed. MMC to be kept informed by organisers. Some discussion took place around whether MMC would subsidise but decision deferred until more information forthcoming.

Action: NN to monitor.

Naples: Following a query from DL, PB confirmed that travel agents are continuing to monitor flight opportunities and that a Naples trip remained on the agenda.

6 MINACK

Transport:

Action: CB to organise coach.

MT to check with MWC re transport at event

Programme: Graham Willcocks has been put in touch with CMWC MD. CMWC blurb received for printed programme.

Laura Nicholas: no response received.

Action: DL to attempt to make contact

Logan Rock:

Pasties available at £225 for 90.

Action: PB to order 100 pasties

7 ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

PB reported all in hand for 14th April. Committee thanked PB for his efforts.

Action: PB to order pasties for sale at £1 each.

Action: GH to bring amplification equipment

8 DEPUTY MD DEVELOPMENTS

Confirmed that Graham Willcocks would be missing for three dates in April – 9th, 16th and 23rd – for more treatment. Mike S Thompson has agreed to stand in. After lengthy discussion about imbursement it was proposed that MST would be paid at the same rate as GW for the three sessions (£45 a session) and that GW would continue to be paid. However, the situation would be reviewed after the Minack concert when it is hoped GW's health condition would be clearer. Proposed HS, seconded RM and carried by a majority.

9 PUBLICITY (WEBSITE)

MT advised that press releases would be prepared re Minack concert and Entertainment Night. Website would be updated with new concert information. MT reported that the following statement had been sent to all members:

I have been asked for clarification concerning the article about Italy that appeared in the local press recently.

The first thing to make clear is that the article was not submitted by the Choir Publicity Officer. I was only made aware of it when I was copied into a 'press release' emailed to local papers on 12th February.

Unfortunately, while it is fair to say that the published article was not strictly inaccurate, it did risk being misconstrued and so it proved. Many Choir members and non-members expressed their confusion, including Geoff Evans who asked for clarification on the following Monday.

For the record, the Committee is not aware of any discussions currently taking place about a trip to Italy.

On behalf of the Committee, I would respectfully ask again that anyone contemplating contacting the media with information relating to our Choir, should run it past the Committee in advance.

11 MUSIC COMMITTEE + CDs AND DOWNLOADS

Terry Coplin reported that “nothing has been received from choir members for a long time and there is nothing pending, which, with Graham ill, has not been a problem. However, Graham Rundle has recently referred another Christmas pop song (which he has had arranged) direct to GW. This is likely to come on stream at some time. In the meantime, I have accumulated a few suggestions of my own which we will consider soon. Also, George Phillips has arranged "Gaudete" for TTBB and given it to GW. I haven't seen it yet but that is also on the list to be considered.”

CW reported that there had been a handful of sales. GH questioned whether the 'download licence' was covered by downloads.

12 ALMONER:

Cards sent to Mel Coombe, Ivor Morcom and Jim Hunkin. Andy Gill asked for section leaders to keep him informed of ill health etc among their members.

13 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: PV reported that Ivor Morcom was still unwell. Nothing further had been heard from Mark Carter.

Action: PV to contact Mark Carter this week.

Seconds: Nothing to report,

Baritones: Nothing to report.

Action: HS to speak to Phil Johns about his intentions.

Bass: CW welcomed Gareth Millington's voice test success.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Recruitment: The Chairman read out a letter from Graham Rundle containing his resignation as Recruitment Officer. The Committee placed on record its thanks to Graham for his efforts and dedication, which would be conveyed in a letter from the Chairman. A successor would be sought in due course.

Action: NN to write to Graham Rundle

Summer trailer parking: PB discussing opportunity to park on PV's land.

Fundraising: PB reported that he had sold programme ads totalling £2,198 to date, which includes a sum of £450 agreed with St Austell Brewery for the printing of the Minack programmes. Adding the sum of £400 raised at Tesco in December, the current total is £2,598. PB hopes to secure more advertisements from those (22) still to commit.

Feast Week Fete: PB had been asked whether MMC would like a stall at the Fete on 30th June. Opportunity to provide information and sell CDs. In return for a percentage of proceeds. Committee voted to proceed.

St Andrews Noticeboard: New photo needed.

Action: PB to contact Gil Blamey

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm

NEXT MEETING:

7.30pm, 17th April, Mevagissey Social Club