



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 23rd January 2018

PRESENT: S Gibson (SG); G Hoskins (GH); P Bowker (PB); A Gill (AG); S Lawday (SL); P Vellenoweth (PV); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB); R Mitchell (RM); H Stobart (HS).

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, the meeting was chaired by Stephen Gibson, who declared the meeting open at 7.33pm.

1 APOLOGIES: N Nicholls (NN)

2 D. LEESON: Co-opted on to Committee in place of A. Gill, who has stepped down. Proposed RM, seconded CW

3 MINUTES: of meeting held 21st November 2017 agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed, PB; seconded GH, carried unanimously, and signed by SG.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

Recording: CW reported that Musical Director prefers to leave recording until next year.

Music Bursary: Awarded to Connie Voyce from Meva School. **Action:** GH to forward cheque for £250.

Choir sign boards: PB reported that new boards with updated photos had been produced and would be displayed when it stopped raining.

Saul Sandey: No update available on music and uniform return.

5 TREASURER:

GH produced balance sheets for November and December. (copies attached). He reported that November had been quiet. December accounts included an influx of advance **Choir dinner** payments, which had not yet been paid out. They also showed that the **Tesco fundraising** exercise organised by PB had been extremely successful, raising a total of £604, including CD sales. PB thanked for his efforts. The **St Andrew's Christmas Concert** had gross proceeds of £788.74, before allowing for Music Team (£100 cost) and Church fee (£25). RM proposed that the net proceeds of £663.74 be apportioned as follows: £100 to Mevagissey School and the remainder split equally between Mevagissey Ladies Choir and MMC. Seconded SG; agreed unanimously. **Action:** GH to forward payment. The **Holy Trinity Christmas Concert** had been less successful but had produced gross proceeds of £351.94. After deducting £100 music team cost and a £60 donation to the church, net proceeds were £199.94. GH proposed that this should be rounded up to £200 and forwarded to St Petroc's. Seconded by SL and agreed unanimously. **Action:** GH to forward payment. **Uniforms:** It was agreed that Chris Bale be authorised to purchase ten new Choir badges at a cost of £19 each.

6 CHOIR DEBIT CARD

GH reported that he had encountered problems when attempting to pay in funds, because of the dual signature regime. It was proposed by PB that the Treasurer be authorised to apply for a single signature debit card, to be used for outgoing payments only when accompanied by notification to one of the other two 'signatures' – the Chairman and the Secretary. The motion was seconded by RM and carried unanimously.

7 CONCERT DEBRIEF:

Tywardreath: Huge success, for which GH thanked all members. **St Andrew's:** Also successful. **Action: CB** to arranged date for December 2018. **Holy Trinity:** Disappointing. RM reported that it clashed with three other local church functions. Discussion on December 2018 options deferred until February committee meeting.

8 CONCERT PROPOSALS:

St. Austell Brewery: **Action: CB** to suggest 24th March and report to choir members on Monday 29th January.

Lostwithiel Church for St Austell Hospice: **Action: CB** to suggest 7th April and report to choir members on Monday 29th January.

Imerys at Carclaze: **Action: CB** to suggest 2nd June and report to choir members on Monday 29th January.

Truro Cathedral: 29th July agreed. Tickets on sale through Hall for Cornwall. Discount available to choir members. **Action: MT** to circulate details including password for discount.

Feast Week: MT confirmed that the Feast Week concert would take place on Monday 25th June.

PB asked the Concert Secretary to keep 10th November free of engagements, given that many members would be attending a private function he is organising.

9 CORNWALL CULTURAL HERITAGE:

MMC have been asked to participate in a project, organised by Tintagel Orpheus MVC to promote Cornish male choirs, for which they are seeking Arts Council Funding. Primarily will involve 25 choirs recording two songs each, on film, in spring 2019. **Action: MT** to reply expressing interest and asking to be kept informed.

10 AGM DE-BRIEF

Disappointment was expressed at the low turnout in December, which meant that, yet again, we were only just quorate. Options were discussed, with the meeting minded to bring forward the date of the next AGM from Thursday 6th December to Monday 26th November, and to hold it in St Andrew's after a shortened practice session. Moving the AGM would require a change in the Choir Constitution which would need to be authorised by choir members in general meeting. **Action: MT** to prepare notice of special general meeting.

11 FUND-RAISING:

PB reported that some advertisers had already been signed up for the coming season. He also reported that he had booked the Tesco foyer for another fundraising exercise on 14th December 2018. Application for a grant had met with the response that MMC needed to propose a specific project. The meeting agreed that further bursaries of the kind made to Mevagissey School, to perhaps eight local schools, would be appropriate. **Action: PB** and **SG** to explore.

12 DINNER & DANCE DE-BRIEF: Another successful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all 55 paying guests, despite the last-minute withdrawal of the band, Double Brandy, and their replacement by their son. Unfortunately, the raffle failed to cover the music cost and there was a loss of just over £100 on the event. Nonetheless, it was agreed that the event should be repeated in January 2019. **Action: MT** to provisionally book Saturday 19th January at the same venue. **SL** to book Double Brandy.

13 DEPUTY MD DEVELOPMENTS:

The meeting heard that Mike S Thompson and Helen Hereward had been approached about their willingness to be trained as emergency back-up in the event of the MD's unavailability for any reason in the future. **Action: NN** to be asked to approach the MD to discuss.

14 MINACK:

MT reported no response to invitation issued to Laura Nicholas (Penzance soprano). **PB** reported An A4 programme as before will be produced with, hopefully, the Brewery printing. **Action: PB** to book Logan Inn for Afterglow and order food, including for Culdrose MWC.

15 QUAY CONCERTS:

MT reported that the following dates had been booked for the 2018 quay concerts: 30 July; 6, 13, 20, 27 August.

16 PUBLICITY/WEBSITE:

MT reported that the website was now up and running in its new form. The leisurewear page needs updating. **Action: GH** to progress. Links to advertisers will be restored as and when payment is received. **Action: PB** to progress.

17 MUSIC COMMITTEE + CDs AND DOWNLOADS:

Nothing to report from Music Committee. 37 CDs sold in December. CW reported that a further six CDs had been sold via the website during the past month.

18 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: PV reported that it was good to see Roger Daniel back; Jim Hunkin in good spirits but not ready to return; Ivor Morcom diagnosed with duodenal ulcer; and that nothing had been heard from new man Mark Carter. Action: PV to follow up in next couple of weeks.

Seconds: **RM** reported that Paul Horsman had passed voice test “if in somewhat unusual circumstances”.

Baritones: Nothing to report.

Bass: **CW** confirmed that Les Hereward had passed voice test and received uniform.

19 ALMONER:

No report.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Trailer insurance: **PB** reported that he had received a quote of £95.79 p.a. to insure trailer while being towed. Unanimously agreed to accept. **Action:** **PB, GH.**

Trailer parking: New home required after March. Action: **PB** to speak to Tom White in Portmellon.

Social Club: **SL** reminded committee members that club passes need to be renewed.

Gil Blamey: **RM** proposed that Gil Blamey’s hard work on behalf of the Choir should be recorded in a letter of thanks. **Action:** **RM, MT** to progress.

Blue Christmas: **HS** queried whether it was appropriate to be learning Blue Christmas in January. Other committee members had received similar comments. **Action:** **SG** to write to the Musical Director.

Archive material: Committee agreed to **MT** request for the purchase of an external hard drive on which to store archive materials such as minutes and photos. Cost could be around £40.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.18pm

NEXT MEETING:

7.30pm, Tuesday, 20th February, Mevagissey Social Club