



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 20th February 2018

PRESENT: N. Nicholls; S Gibson (SG); G Hoskins (GH); P Bowker (PB); S Lawday (SL); C Williams (CW); M Tate (MT); C. Burnett (CB); D Leeson (DL)

Meeting opened at 7.33pm. Chairman thanked SG for chairing previous meeting.

1 APOLOGIES: P Vellenoweth (PV); R Mitchell (RM); H Stobart (HS).

2 MINUTES: of meeting held 23rd January agreed as a true and fair record. Proposed, PB; seconded SG, carried unanimously.

3 MATTERS ARISING:

D. Leeson: Welcomed back to committee. DL thanked committee for invitation.

Saul Sandey: Music and uniform returned.

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

Music Bursary: Awarded Cheque for £250 forwarded to Connie Voyce from Meva School.

Christmas Concert proceeds: payment forwarded to St Petroc's.

Paul Horsman uniform payment: SG yet to follow up with member.

Choir Debit card: received and now in use.

St Andrew's Christmas Concert 2018: CB yet to hear from church. CB to report back.

Cornwall Cultural Heritage: MMC have asked to be kept informed of developments re proposed Tintagel OMVC film.

Bursary donations: In hand. PB & SG to report back

Website leisurewear page: In hand. GH to report back

Trailer Insurance: PB reported that this would not be taken out until required, in the spring.

Summer trailer parking: No venue found yet. Committee voted to use Driveline (£26 per month April-October) if none found. Proposed SG, seconded PB and passed unanimously.

Action: NN to ask for suggestions at Monday's practice.

Choir hard drive: donated by CB at no cost.

4 TREASURER:

GH produced balance sheet for January. (copy attached). He reported that it had been a busy month. **Dinner/dance** had seen a lot coming in – and going out.

Members' subs continued to come in but eleven remained outstanding. **Action:** GH to pin a list of those who had paid to the noticeboard.

Christmas Concert payments: made to other choirs. **Bank account:** a sum of £1,000 had been transferred to the choir's High Interest account, now paying 0.5% compared with 0.25%. Further similar transfers are planned.

5 CONCERTS

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.

St. Austell Brewery: CB reported that September is Brewery's preferred month.

Action: CB to agree date.

Lostwithiel Church for St Austell Hospice: CB awaiting response from church.

Action: CB to report back.

Yealmpton: Confirmed for 21st July. Proceeds for Derriford. Proposal to ask hosts for contribution towards our costs of 'not less than £200'. Proposed SG, seconded GH. Carried with one against.

Action: CB to ask hosts for contribution towards our costs of 'not less than £200'

Tavistock MVC: CB reported that Tavistock had invited MMC to a joint concert on 20th October.

Action: CB to ask if TMVC prepared to contribute towards MMC costs.

St Augustine's: Committee discussed holding a concert at St Augustine's on 22nd September and a Christmas concert at the same venue in December.

Action: CB to pursue via George Phillips

Bude: CB also reported that C Bale is hoping to arrange a concert in the Bude area.

6 ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

PB reported 14 acts booked for 14th April. Billy Moore will run the bar. Keyboard, amps and mikes would be required. Help will be needed to set up from midday. Following discussion re refreshments, PB agreed to ascertain costs of providing pasties (which would be paid for at cost price). Alternatively, members would be asked to bring provisions.

Action: PB

7 2018 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS UPDATE

Penrice: 10th and 17th December were proposed as most convenient dates.

Action: CB to suggest 17th

St Andrews: Christmas and Harvest of the Sea: CB awaiting dates.

There was discussion about inviting other choirs to join us at Christmas – e.g. St Mewan, Noteability etc – but until dates and venues confirmed, no decisions taken.

8 DEPUTY MD DEVELOPMENTS

All agreed that Mike S Thompson had done a terrific job in deputising for Graham Willcocks the night before and offered their thanks again. After some discussion, a decision on the way forward was deferred until the next committee meeting when there would hopefully be a clearer indication of GW's short to medium term availability. **Action:** MT to add to March agenda.

9 AGM DATE

Following the membership's vote for a change in the Choir Constitution, a discussion took place concerning the optimal date for the AGM. Although 26th November had been earmarked, it was proposed by CW and seconded by SL that the date should be moved to Monday, 14th January, when hopefully more

members would be free. The meeting would be held at St Andrew's and would follow a shortened practice session. The motion was carried.

Action: NN to speak to members on Monday.

10 PUBLICITY (WEBSITE)

Advertisers: MT reported that links to choir supporter and advertisers' website would be added to the website once PB confirmed that said advertisers had been booked.

Media submissions: MT expressed concern that some readers had drawn misleading conclusions from an article placed in local papers (not by the Publicity Officer). This could risk damaging the choir's reputation.

Action: NN to remind members on Monday that any communication with the media regarding the Choir MUST have been agreed in advance by the committee.

11 MUSIC COMMITTEE + CDs AND DOWNLOADS

There was a brief discussion about the music that had been discarded by the Music Committee, with some dissent.

CW reported that CDs and downloads continued throughout the month. Just five copies of 'One Voice' remained and it would shortly be removed from sales list.

12 ALMONER:

No report.

Action: DL to contact Almoner re cards for Mel Coombe (cataract op and poorly wife), Ivor Morcom and Jim Hunkin.

18 MEMBERSHIP (Section Leaders):

Tops: NN reported that it was good to see Roger Daniel back and looking better; but that we were sorry to lose Jim Hunkin. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Jim should be appointed an Honorary Member. Nothing had been heard from new man Mark Carter.

Action: NN to draft letter to Jim Hunkin

Action: PV to follow up with Mark Carter.

Seconds: Nothing to report, but Des Honey praised for his comments last night about his experience (and all-clear) with prostate cancer.

Baritones: Phil Johns' position unclear. **Action:** HS to speak to Phil Johns about his intentions.

Bass: CW welcomed arrival of Gareth Millington.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Fountain: PB reported CW asked about a sign outside the pub. Did it read 'Mevagissey Male Choir sing here on Monday evenings'? He was advised that the sign reads 'Members of Mevagissey Male Choir' etc.

Music Committee: In response to SG's suggestion that there was still insufficient clarity about the Music Committee and who served on it, it was agreed that a list of members be posted on the noticeboard.

Action: MT

Music distribution: SG reported that it had been difficult to keep track of some copies. It was agreed that ALL distribution should be handled by SG in order to keep efficient records. There was a discussion on what to do with discarded music but agreed to retain for the time being.

Ties: Following a letter from Keltek Ties, it was proposed that Chris Bale should be asked about our current stock position.

Birmingham Symphony Hall: Invitation to partake in mass concert on 17th October 2020 to be put to members next Monday.

Action: NN

St Andrews Noticeboard: Needs updating with new copy and new photo.

Action: MT/PB to speak to Gil Blamey

Mevagissey Museum: celebrating 50 years with various events.

Action: MT to offer Choir's help.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.59pm

NEXT MEETING:

7.30pm, 20th March, Mevagissey Social Club