



## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Mevagissey Social Club on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Meeting opened 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** N. Nicholls (NN); G. Hoskins (GH); R. Mitchell (RM); S. Lawday (SL); C. Burnett (CB); P. Vellenoweth (PV); P. Bowker (PB); A. Gill (AG); M. Tate (MT).

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

**2 MINUTES** of meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017: proposed CB, seconded GH, carried unanimously.

**3 MATTERS ARISING:**

**Weddings:** MT reported that blurb and photo (from Matt Fox) had been gathered for SG to forward to 'Wedding House', re promoting Choir for wedding ceremonies. **Action: SG.**

**Riser storage and transport:** No reply yet from St Andrew's.

**Committee Membership:** AG welcomed to first committee meeting

**St John's Concert:** Deemed a success. Free pasties provided for all singers at White Hart by St Austell Brewery. Letter of thanks already sent to Brewery.

**St Mewan joint concert:** Another success. Treasurer reported net proceeds of £484, to be split equally between our Choir and St Mewan. **Action: MT** to establish how St Mewan would like receive payment.  
**Action. PB** to speak to Rob Collins re bag for new rails

**Membership:** PV unable yet to verify situation re Mark Carter; Ivor Morcom still poorly, but keen to return; Mark Dooling thought unlikely to return; P Horsman failed voice test; Saul Sandey unable to be contacted as yet.

**CDs & Downloads:** Fountain Inn re-stocked

**4 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**In:**

Email of thanks from Alison Harvey, St Mewan. Posted on Choir noticeboard.

**Out:**

Thanks to Friends for donations;  
Thanks to St Austell Brewery for pasties and support;  
Complaint to Cornwall Council re missing Choir banner. (Despite several attempts to enquire by telephone whether the banner had been removed from Asda railings by Council, there had been no response. An emailed reply was eventually received by the Secretary two hours before the meeting, denying that the Council had removed the banner and apologising for the delay.) **Action: MT** to report theft to police; **PB** to check cost of replacing

**5 TREASURER:**

Monthly account attached.

**Subs:** GH reported that only four members had failed to pay to date, only one of which was any concern. CD Sales doing well. GH provided comprehensive explanation of colour-coded spending plan and answered committee questions. Vote of thanks to GH for clear presentation of accounts – and for programme production.

**6 FUNDRAISING:**

PB reported that just over £1,900 had been had been received in advertising revenue to date, an impressive amount given the lack of headline concerts schedule for the current season.

GH proposed a 'donations' bucket should be available for visitors on Monday evenings in St Andrew's.

**7 CDs & DOWNLOADS:**

RM reported a new outlet at the Corniche, a shop next door to the former Post Office in Mevagissey.

**8 CONCERT DEBRIEF:**

Much of this ground had been covered in Matters Arising. However:

**St John's:** Vote of thanks to Terry Coplin, Des Honey, Cliff Burnett and others who worked hard on the Choir's behalf to make the event a success. Contribution of Gerald Goode was also noted. Consideration will be given to presenting him with a CD and/or invitation to Choir Dinner.

**Holy Trinity (St Mewan):** Float needed at door. New riser rails excellent. Vote of thanks to CB, Graham Alee and others for setting up equipment on the night. Vote of thanks to PB for his speedy and effective production of temporary Choir banner.

**9 LAUNCELLS CONCERT (3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE):**

Performance time confirmed at 7.30. Tickets £6, available at the door. Refreshments available at the break. Changing rooms available. Up to 80 programmes to be provided by MMC. Phil Walter has been asked to organise an afterglow venue.

**Action:** CB to book 53-seater bus. However, it was noted that the cost of this, together with music team cost, would not be covered by £300 fee and expenses. NN to organise a compere. GH to print programmes

## 10 FEAST WEEK CONCERT (26<sup>th</sup> JUNE):

Performance time confirmed at 7.30. Tickets £8, available in advance and at the door. Mevagissey School to perform two songs, and one with MMC possibly. Falmouth School students have also been asked to perform. **Action:** NN to organise compere. GH to print tickets and programmes. MT to organise door staffing.

## 11 NEW CONCERTS

CB reported that proposed concert at St German's is progressing. Also, Robin Murphy has been approached by the Tolmen Centre, in Constantine, with a view to putting on a concert.

## 12 MEMBERSHIP (SECTION LEADERS)

**Top Tenors:** **Action:** PV to contact Mark Carter; and to enquire after Jim Hunkin's health

**Second Tenors:** **Action:** P Horsman to re-take voice test in next few weeks

**Baritones:** Nothing to report

**Basses:** Nothing to report

## 12 FUNDRAISING

PB reported that he was still chasing many advertisers to secure sales.

## 13 BARBECUE:

Barley Sheaf, Gorran, now an option again. **Action:** PB to discuss dates with Barley Sheaf, with 22<sup>nd</sup> July favourite. SL/MT have appointment to see Britannia management. AG to investigate possibility of combining with 'paper quiz'.

## 14 MUSIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Terry Coplin reported that the committee met on the 11th May and considered eight suggested pieces: "Into the West"; "Tears in Heaven"; "If You Only Have Love"; "Mr Blue Sky"; "Don't Stop Me Now"; "Bui Doi"; "Blue Christmas"; "Seize the Day". Arrangements are still being sought for five others: "Sound of Silence"; "Portrait of My Love"; "Somewhere over the Rainbow"; "Rolling in the Deep"; "A Christmas Song"

They are also enquiring why "Mansions of the Lord" seems to have been dropped.

## 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

**Raffle:** RM suggested a traditional raffle to raise funds **Action:** RM to approach Gerald Goode to discuss.

**Microphone:** GH suggested investing in a Choir microphone for soloists and comperes. Estimated total cost £150. Motion that GH investigate further proposed by GH, seconded by PB and carried. **Action: GH.**

**Facebook page:** AG suggested Choir investigate setting up a 'closed' FB page, for members only. **Action: AG** to discuss with Mike Thompson.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, Mevagissey Social Club