



Choir Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 8th November 2021

Present - John Mallinson (chairman), Steve Flynn (secretary)
Steve Davies (Treasurer), John Middleton, John Clay, Derek
Holman, Stephen Broadbent, Paul Morgan, Fred Simms

1. Formalities –

Apologies for Absence

A Full House!

Approval of Previous Minutes (October)

Approved – John Middleton

Seconded – Stephen Broadbent

Chairman

2. Correspondence and Matters arising

A letter from Anne Lane, updating the Choir on Alan's condition, has been received by the Choir. John will continue to keep the Choir updated on his condition.

Secretary

3. Covid19 Update

The Choir have not experienced any adverse Covid19 issues attributable to our Rehearsal and Concert programme.

The Christmas concert season presents us with the issue of the usual crowded changing arrangements. We will try to mitigate these with better ventilation and ask that any member who experiences any Covid19 symptoms does not attend these concerts.

4. Concerts

a. St Georges Square Lights Switch on, November 20th

Kirklees invited us to sing at this event. It's outdoors and on a Football Saturday. The invitation will be declined.

b. 'The Rock' Lights Switch on, Wednesday December 1st

Tracy has asked if we will attend her Christmas Lights switch on at the Rock. An informal event (but **Paid!**) and one we have done before. We will accept provided we have enough interested members.

c. New Mill Christmas Fayre, Saturday November 27th

We have accepted an invitation to sing at Christ Church, New Mill. 1:00pm for 30 minutes.

Derek



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d. Penistone Paramount, Saturday 11th December

Annual Rotary concert with Skelmanthorpe Band. Arrangements in place and tickets are selling well.

e. Low Moor Monday 13th December

Details for this concert will be finalised at a meeting with BASF/Solenis on Friday 10th November

f. New Mill Christmas Concert, Saturday 18th December.

In Dorians absence, Elizabeth will conduct this concert. The usual post-concert Social at New Mill Club is arranged.

5. Finance

Steve Davies

Steve Davis presented the accounts for the recent Town Hall Concert with the UKES.

The concert is currently showing a loss of £1018.

There are three Sponsorship packages which are still outstanding, a total of £750. We are actively chasing payment for these.

Steve also presented the balance sheet for the financial year ending **September 30th 2021 and the budgeted Receipts and Payments account up to September 30th 2022.** The Choir have approx. £20k in reserve and have no immediate financial issues.

The Choir is still operating in a difficult and unpredictable financial situation and could be for some time. The budgeted receipts suggest that there are three areas we should address...

- a) Raising Choir Subs by £3.00 per Quarter. This increase will be the first increase since 2018 and will be put to the Choir for a vote at the AGM.
- b) Maximise concert income.
- c) There is considerable scope to increase the Choirs income through EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile. John Middleton will circulate joining details to Choir members and encourage more to join. It's easy to sign-up and costs nothing.

6. London 2022

SF

This event will go ahead.

We have a viable Choir and further arrangements can now be made.

7. Membership

Stephen Broadbent

Neil Wimpenny's membership application was approved.