



Choir Committee Mtg

Minutes

Monday 8th Jan 2024

Attendees

Chris Dempster, John Malinson, Steve Petrie, Fred Simms, Derek Holman, Paul Morgan, Steve Davies

1 Formalities (Chairman)

Apologies- Steve Flynn , John Clay,

Approval of previous minutes - Approved by Derek and seconded by Steve P

2 Correspondence and Matters Arising (Secretary)

Email from the organisers of the Cornwall Male Choir Festival concerning a crowdfunding project to help a Ukranian youth choir attend the festival this year. As we are not participating we do not plan any action on this.

3 Concerts (Derek Holman)

Mrs Sunderland Festival (24th Feb 2024) at the Town Hall. John to speak with Dorian about any specific preparations for this event.

Brighthouse and Rastrick (23rd March 2024) - Music finalised and bought.

Elizabeth Browns Wedding (Sat 13th July 2024) No details as yet.

Ribble Valley Music Festival (2024) We have been told by the organisers that we were not successful in being chosen for this event.

St John Church Upperthong (13th April 2024) Arrangements ongoing through Graham Dawson.

Netherton (May/June 2024) Derek has proposed the 18th May to the organisers.

Town Hall (12th Oct 2024). The search for a suitable main act for this concert is proving difficult. The £300 deposit to secure the date is due and a decision will be taken at the next meeting. If possible (ie time permits) we plan to give choir members a voice on this subject at our Scarborough weekend. Steve P presented some cost modelling for the town Hall based on a guest fee of £1000 or a guest profit share.

4 Choir Development (Steve Petrie)

On the subject of recruitment policy/strategies/process there is nothing new to report. Further progress will be presented at the February meeting.

5. Finance (Steve Davis)

The 2022/2023 accounts were approved by the committee and signed off by the chairman.

The budget for 2023/2024 was reviewed and approved by the committee

The committee approved the use of choir funds on a no risk short term investment at a good interest rate.

Making Music membership not discussed - will roll into next meeting.

6. Membership (Chris Dempster)

Chris reported that Andy Davies will not return to the choir after his absence for the best part of 2023. But on the positive side we have a potential recruit starting on the 9th Jan.

7 Website and Choir Communication

Steve P presented a data protection policy which was circulated to the committee. Steve has worked with Steve F and John Middleton on this.

The committee unanimously approved the new policy which will be uploaded to our website. Members will be asked to sign new consent forms.

8 Social Events (John Clay)

Scarborough weekend Jan 19th to 21st 2024 . Adam Brown and Tom Ashworth have everything in hand.

John M is in discussion with Alvin concerning a possible Caribbean evening.

Steve P has been looking into a possible choir visit to London. We plan to test the enthusiasm for this at Scarborough

9 AOB (Chairman)

AGM is set for the Tuesday 19th March. Planning is ongoing.

10 Date and time of next meeting (Chairman)

Mon the 5th Feb 2024, 7pm at New Mill Club