



Choir Committee Mtg

Minutes

Monday 5th Feb 2024

Attendees

Chris Dempster, John Malinson, Steve Petrie, Paul Morgan, Steve Davies

1 Formalities (Chairman)

Apologies- Steve Flynn , John Clay, Fred Simms, Derek Holman

Approval of previous minutes - Approved by Steve Petrie seconded by Chris Dempster

2 Correspondence and Matters Arising (Secretary)

Received a letter from the Weston Hotel , Scarborough confirming our booking for next January 2025 (17th to 19th) . The cost will be £144 per person.

Coach costs in addition. We have already paid the £400 deposit.

We received thanks from John Pervis (Rotary) for our well received performance at Penistone Paramount

3 Concerts (Derek Holman)

Mrs Sunderland Festival (24th Feb 2024) at the Town Hall.

All choir members to be at the Town Hall for 8:30am on the day.

To remind all choir members that should we win this section we will return to the stage for the gala concert on the same evening.

Brighouse and Rastrick (23rd March 2024) -

Rehearsal for this event at New Mill Church on Sunday the 10th March.

Further details nearer the date.

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. Still to confirm.

Town Hall (12th Oct 2024).

As agreed with the choir at a meeting in Scarborough we will cancel for this year. It was agreed that we start the planning process now for a Town Hall concert in Oct 2025.

Holmfirth Concert at the parish church (W/E 15/16th June 2024)

Steve Petrie is pursuing this possible concert. This weekend coincides with the Holmfirth Arts Festival (therefore visitors in the town)

Huddersfield town centre late October concert 2024 possibilities

Steve Petrie presented the committee with two options. St Pauls and St Peters as possible cheaper alternative venues to the Town Hall. Steve will pursue this further.

Llandudno October 2024

John Malinson is in discussion with Anne Levitt and her male voice choir in Llandudno for a joint concert in Llandudno in early October 2024. The tentative plan would be to arrange a two night stay in Llandudno for choir and partners. Similar idea to the Bridlington trip last year but heading to the West coast. When available dates and costs will be put to the choir for level of interest. Currently John is organising.

Town Hall (Oct 2025)

The committee agreed that a small working group would be assembled in the next few weeks to plan this concert.

4 Choir Development (Steve Petrie)

Final 'lessons learnt' from the TfTTH have been tabulated. These will be part of a final report for future reference.

A planned final output for new membership strategy was presented to the committee with a work plan. The major proposal was to appoint a recruitment secretary/officer as part of the committee to oversee all recruitment activity. A draft role and responsibility was also presented. See attachments.

5. Finance (Steve Davis)

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

The accounts for 2022/23 have been signed off by an independent examiner as required by the Charities commission. Cost to us of £250.

Steve D proposed that choirs subs should be increased from £33 to £36 per quarter starting in July 2024. This will be put to a vote of members at the upcoming AGM.

6. Membership (Chris Dempster)

Chris has updated the membership form to include an emergency phone number

We have 3 new potential members at rehearsals plus one the TftTH guys who is looking to come and join us soon.

Chris agreed to add the maintenance of a membership tracker form to the membership secretary duties

7 Website and Choir Communication

Chris D has now got all members to sign the revised data protection form.

A data usage warning note will be added the policy doc by John Middleton.

This to address a concern by some members.

8 Social Events (John Clay)

The proposed Caribbean evening in July is in planning.

9 AOB (Chairman)

AGM planning is on going for Tuesday 19th March

10 Date and time of next meeting (Chairman)

Mon the 4th March 2024, 7pm at New Mill Club