

Committee Meeting
Monday 1st February 2016

Present: Vicky Glasse-Davies (Chair), Kirsty Allan, Ken Allen, Colin Cameron, Mark Evans, Moira McKendry, Bill Noblett, Ewing Wallace

MINUTES	ACTION
1. Apologies: none	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting , 9 th November 2015 The minutes were approved; Proposed – EW; Seconded – BN	
3. Matters Arising from previous meeting: There will be no Killearn Hoolie this year.	
4. Financial Report: a) The Christmas concert generated £2205 from tickets, £530 from adverts, and £470 from the raffle. Costs were about £1000. This is a very healthy result. The income from adverts was down because few people helped Colin to approach advertisers. The raffle was very successful, but we need to think more carefully about the logistics of the evening, so that people are more aware when the draw is happening. b) Gift Aid has recently brought in about £2000. Bill was thanked for all the work he'd done to retrieve this from HMRC. c) Bill had looked at the criteria for applying to the Foyle Foundation, and realised that our reserves put us out of contention. He was thanked for looking into this. d) It was agreed to send a donation to the Treasurer of Killearn Kirk, for the use of the Kirk (as opposed to the Hall), to cover the last few years. The figure of £450 was agreed, at £150 per year for 3 years.	BN BN
5. Christmas Concert: ME thought that the concert was excellent, in particular the MacDowell, which went down very well with the audience. It was reported that some in the audience would have preferred more popular carols, especially in the second half. But there were traditional carols and one of the more modern ones, the Cradle Hymn, was very well received. There was a discussion about having a second venue for the Christmas Concert, possibly Gartmore again, or Kippen or Buchlyvie. We need to look at this well in advance, in order to book ME and the venue. A decision about the next season will be made at the next meeting.	

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<p>6. The Musical Coffee Morning: This event will be held on Saturday 20th February, from 10am -12am in Killearn Kirk Hall. The hall is booked from 9am – 1pm to allow for setting up, and clearing up after. Entry will cost £3, but there will be no tickets. EW agreed to draw up posters, and CC will put up the banner. There will be the usual stalls, and volunteers will be asked for at the rehearsal after the meeting: Cake and Candy; Bottle – EW will run that as usual; Raffle; Books/CDs/DVDs – CC will run that. Choir members will be asked to contribute baking for the tables, and for the stalls. KA will send out an email. Helen Barclay has agreed to accompany any musical items, eg the Back Row Basses are already in rehearsal. It is possible that the choir could sing some items, eg by Ken Johnston. A PA system would be very helpful, and ME can provide one from Douglas Academy.</p>	<p>VGD KA ME ME</p>
<p>7. Spring Concert: Killearn Kirk is booked for the Spring Concert on Sunday 20th March, from about 1pm till 10pm. There will be a rehearsal from 2-5pm, and the performance starts at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale at £10, including refreshments at the interval. EW will design and print posters and tickets. The programme consists of Karl Jenkins ‘The Armed Man; a Mass for Peace’, and the Ken Johnston setting ‘I landed with Seven Men’. ME is also intending to include the Faure ‘Cantique de Jean Racine’. The soloists will be Amanda McLeod and Arthur Bruce, who has recently graduated from the Norther College of Music. There will be a small band or 2 Trumpets, Percussion, Flute, Piano Cello and Organ. It is hoped to use the staging from the Village Hall again; KA will check with Mike Pell.</p>	<p>ME ME KA</p>
<p>8. Yorkshire Trip:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Saturday night concert will be given in All Saints C of E in Ilkeley, at 8pm. The costs are quite high, however: £30per hour for the church + other costs for using the Roland piano and/or organ+ £10 per hour if heating is needed. Entry would be by a donation. The KVV Singers will help with publicity and will provide the use of their staging. b) There would be a Saturday morning rehearsal in the hotel in a large room. We could carry a piano with us. After an excursion in the area, there could be an early 5pm dinner, and time to get to the church for a quick top and tail rehearsal. CC will draw up a time-table. c) The Sunday concert would be in Skipton, after a lunch with the KVV Singers. The programme would include the shorter Choral Suite from the Armed Man, which would allow the full scores, which are expensive to hire, to be returned after the Spring Concert. d) ME asked for an update on numbers. The tour should be offered to new members. Penny Watson will accompany the singers as accompanist. ME was asked whether there would be any augmentors from NYCOS; if so, they would not be asked to pay. e) There would be extra rehearsals to prepare for the trip on Mondays, 25th April, 2/9/16 May. KA will book Balfron Kirk for these dates. 	<p>CC CC EW ME KA</p>

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<p>9 Vocal Coaching: CC will find out from Claire Evans whether she has time to schedule vocal coaching for the singers, as in previous years. It had been very beneficial before.</p>	CC
<p>10 Accompanist: The Committee is pleased to welcome Penny Watson as our accompanist. ME said that she was delighted to work with us.</p>	
<p>11 Website: The website has been updated. But only Archie Bryce has the app which allows access to the site, and this is felt to be restrictive. CC has suggested that it is worthwhile paying to have a more flexible website that can have more than one administrator. He will get a quote for this. Addendum: A subsequent quote for £425 from WebreturnInternet was received by CC and agreed by the committee.</p>	CC CC
<p>12 AOB: It was subsequently discussed about making a contribution to Balfron Kirk's Restoration Fund, and a sum of £250 was agreed.</p>	BN
<p>13 Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 7th March at 6pm in Balfron Kirk (if that is back in use),</p>	