

Committee Meeting
Monday 14th November 2016

Present: Colin Cameron (Chair), Kirsty Allan, Mark Evans, Moira McKendry, Judith Neil, Bill Noblett, Ewing Wallace

MINUTES	ACTION
1. Apologies: none. Colin welcomed everyone.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting , 29 th August 2016 The minutes were approved; Proposed – BN; Seconded – KA	
3. Matters Arising from previous meeting: Work on the website gallery is ongoing. For the archive, Bill still needs a few programmes from previous concerts. There have been no further suggestions from the choir for 40 th Anniversary celebrations. The choir guidelines have been updated on the website and guideline leaflets are being given to new members	CC BN
4. Financial Report Bill reported that the choir balance now stands at £8,848 (including £3,100 which has so far been paid in subscriptions and this should rise to £4,350 when all subscriptions are paid.) a) Folders 65 new folders have been bought at a cost of £605 (including set-up costs) So far £315 has been received from choir members purchasing folders. The members are generally happy with the new folders. b) Internet Banking Confirmation has been received that this is now set up and this will make the banking less time-consuming for Bill.	



5. Diary Matters

a) Killearn Country Market Saturday December 3rd 10am – 1.30pm

Helen Barclay has confirmed that she is available and happy to accompany us and Ken Allen will rehearse the choir before the market and conduct the choir. We will perform in two 20 minutes slots. Judith will email details to the choir and put out sign-up sheets next Monday 21st.

JN

b) Kippen Concert December 9th at 7.30pm

The choir rehearsal on Monday 5th December will take place in Kippen Church at 7.30pm. The members are to be asked to bring their own refreshments for the interval.

For the concert, it was decided that there will be no need for staging for the choir and Penny will use either the grand piano in the church or a keyboard. The choir should arrive dressed in uniform as space for changing is limited. All available space will be required for the interval refreshments which are being provided by Kippen. Kirsty will speak to Mary about any extra requirements which Kippen may need. The choir will be made aware that parking is very limited close to the church and transport should be shared where possible.

KA

Tickets (£10 and £3) and posters will be available for distribution next Monday 21st.

EW

The programme for both concerts will be coordinated by Ewing using copy from Colin and Mark. We agreed to use a printing company and to have higher quality paper than previously at a cost of approx. £200 for 300 programmes.

CC

ME

Publicity for both concerts is being placed in Local Papers, Park Life, and Church newsletters.

JN

c) Killearn Concert December 16th at 7.30pm

Mark informed us that John Gorman will be the organist, alongside Penny, and that there will be a group of singers from Douglas Academy. There is the possibility of a string quartet.

There will be a rehearsal in Killearn Kirk from 5pm to 7pm.

Staging from the village hall will be used. The Kirk Halls are booked from 4pm to 10pm to give time to set up and de-rig staging.

Tickets and posters will be distributed to choir members on Monday 28th November.

Moira agreed to handle ticketing as before.

MM

Thanks go to Karen Haxton for her artwork on the programmes and posters, and to her and Christine Hunter who have helped Colin to recruit advertisers for the programme. The amount raised from advertisers should be around £1000. We agreed to accept payment in flowers by Endrick Blooms, which would go towards the Christmas hamper.

Peter Wilks is to be asked to put up the lighting and Anne Parker to coordinate the team who decorate the church.

JN

Moira and Kirsty will coordinate the interval refreshments and tea for the young singers before the concert. They will pass round a list for choir members to sign up for contributions. They will also liaise again with Jenny Lunn on the provision of drinks. More soft drinks and less wine worked well last year. Hewitt & Aker have offered either wine or mince pies as a donation in return for a small credit in the programme.

MM/KA

A raffle will be held, as last year. Choir members are to be asked for donations of prizes. Moira will coordinate this. Tickets will be sold at the door as the audience arrives and the prizes will be on display. The raffle will be publicised on tickets and posters.

MM

Mark will bring a PA system to announce the winners at the interval.

ME

The choir will be asked to help with the clearing up after the concert.

d) Coffee Morning February 25th 10am-12noon

The church hall is booked from 9am-1pm.

6. Adopt a Composer update

Mark reported that Aran is very happy with the way this is developing so far, and Aran is finding it a very valuable experience.

Mark and Colin are travelling to London on January 8th for a workshop with Making Music.

Mark is planning for Aran's composition to be performed at our Spring Concert on Sunday March 26th.

7. 40th Anniversary Plans

We discussed mounting an exhibition of choir archive at the 2017 concerts. Bill is concerned there is not enough material to justify this.

We discussed holding a 40th Anniversary Party for choir members past and present and partners, as well as friends of the choir. This could possibly be held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th June instead of the AGM. Kirsty and Moira are to enquire at Three Sisters Bake about availability and cost, and report back.

Mark suggested the AGM could be held during the second half of the first rehearsal of next session – September 4th. Rehearsal would begin at 7pm followed by the AGM at 8.30pm. Light refreshments could be served.

MM/KA

8. AOB

An extra rehearsal will be held for the Spring Concert on Saturday 4th March in Balfron Church from 2pm-5pm.

No response has been received from the choir in Italy after an approach by Colin regarding a tour in 2018, nor have there been any suggestions from choir members. We all feel that another tour would be a very valuable experience for the choir and some discussion took place regarding possible venues in the UK. Everyone to come up with ideas.

ALL

9. Date of next meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Monday 6th February 2016 at 6.00pm in Balfron Church Hall