

Committee Meeting
Monday 6th February 2017

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 , 14 th November 2016 The minutes were approved; Proposed – BN; Seconded – KA	
3. Matters Arising from previous meeting: Archive – Colin has yet to update the Photos page on the website and create an Archive page.	CC
<p>4. Financial Report Bill reported that the choir balance now stands at almost £10.500 – compared with £12.500 at the same time last year. Gift Aid has not yet been reclaimed, which should add £800-£900. There have been no issues with OSCR and PRS. There are still a few 'second half-year' subscriptions outstanding from choir members.</p> <p>1. Income from Christmas Concerts Bill gave a detailed breakdown of the finances involved in the Christmas Concerts at Kippen and Killearn (see attached). Ticket sales were similar to last year and advertising revenue was much increased. The raffle did not raise as much as hoped and it was felt that next year dedicated raffle ticket sellers should be recruited who could perhaps be positioned in the church aisles to avoid the crush in the entrance hall. Refreshment costs were higher than previously and this will be addressed for the next concert. The bill for music printing and photocopying is still to come in. It was decided that a donation of £150 per concert should be given for the use of Killearn Kirk.</p> <p>2. Fee for Video Production It was decided that a fee of £300 should be given to Allan Cameron who is producing the video to be shown during the Spring Concert at the start of 'A Quiet Life', the new work being composed for the choir by Aran Browning.</p>	BN BN



5. Review of Christmas Concerts

Mark felt that, on the whole, the concerts had been very successful. Issues of balance at the Kippen Concert had been addressed at the Monday night rehearsal between the two concerts.

The staging had worked well at the Killearn concert and the choir blend had been much improved. The Chilcott work was a crowd pleaser and was certainly enhanced by the choir from Douglas Academy singing from the balcony. The young quartet performed very well, as did the children from Killearn Primary School. Penny our accompanist is a great asset and the audience was very appreciative of the whole concert.

Next year it is planned for Mark to use a microphone when addressing the audience, and either he or Colin will use it to announce the raffle winners at the end of the concert, rather than in the crush at the interval.

6. Coffee Morning Saturday February 25th 10am-noon

The Church Hall is booked from 9am-1pm. Judith will collect and return the keys.

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Publicity

Notices have been placed in the Killearn Courier and Parklife and will also appear in the Milngavie Herald and Stirling Observer. Colin will put up the banner. Ewing will produce tickets (cost £3.00) and fliers to distribute to choir members next Monday (Feb 13th). Posters for the Spring Concert, produced by Karen Haxton, will be ready to display at the Coffee Morning.

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Catering and kitchen will be organised by Moira and Kirsty, assisted by choir members. Judith will ask Joyce Begg for the tablecloths which she stores. Kirsty will ask Alison Brown for flasks. The piano will be positioned centrally down the side of the hall to give the music prominence.

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Stalls and Stall holders

Cake and Candy	Cathy Davidson-Carr, Joyce Begg and Sheena McLean
Bottles	Ewing Wallace
Books, CDs DVDs	Colin Cameron
Raffle	Alison Brown

Music

Helen Barclay is happy to be our accompanist. Joyce Begg has copies of songs which can be performed by the choir on the day, and choir members/groups/instrumentalists will be asked for musical contributions. A gift for Helen is being provided by Endrick Blooms, in return for advertising in the Christmas Concert programme. Christine Hunter will follow this up.

Floats

Bill will provide floats for the stall holders.

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In addition

An email to choir will request baking for the tables and posies, as well as contributions for the stalls and musical contributions. All choir members will be asked to help with the 'clean-up' afterwards.

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7. Spring Concert Sunday March 26th at 7pm

Karen Haxton has agreed to produce a poster for the event. Carmina Burana will be billed as the main item, with 'A Quiet Life' by Aran Browning being premiered in a shorter second half.

Adverts are already in Parklife and Killearn Courier and will also be placed in Milngavie Herald and Stirling Observer.

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Carol Young (Session Clerk) has confirmed that the church service can be held in the church hall on the Sunday of the concert. Mark and Colin have visited the church with Carol to assess the space for the positioning of the instruments and choir. The percussion will be positioned behind

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<p>the organ. There is space for two grand pianos, which Ewing has sourced, between the pews and the steps. The initial costing for the pianos is £480, but will depend on whether they will be put in the church on the Saturday or the Sunday. This has to be decided. It has to be taken into account that staging cannot be moved around while the pianos are being tuned.</p> <p>Mark is in the process of identifying pianists, percussionists and soloists. Penny will play the piano for 'A Quiet Life'. It is planned to have some senior pupils from Douglas Academy singing in Carmina Burana. Mark is hoping to organise a sectional rehearsal for the choir and will speak to John Gormley about this.</p> <p>John Shaw will provide/operate the Audio Visual requirements.</p> <p>Carmina Burana will form the first part of the concert, lasting around an hour. After the interval there will be a short interview with Mark and Aran discussing the genesis of 'A Quiet Life', followed by its premiere, giving an overall duration of around 30 minutes.</p> <p>The concert is to be recorded by Radio 3 and Colin will check how much time they will need to get set up.</p> <p>Refreshments will be required for 7 musicians and 3 soloists.</p> <p>Wine and soft drinks will be served at the interval.</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>ME</p> <p>CC</p> <p>MM/KA</p>
<p>8. 40th Anniversary Plans</p> <p>1. Social event</p> <p>Culcreuch Castle has been chosen as an excellent venue to hold our 40th Anniversary celebration with its beautiful setting and plenty of space. Colin, Kirsty, Bill and Moira will find dates to plan the event in detail, including a visit to the venue.</p> <p>The initial suggestion was for a buffet at £8.50 per head. It was felt that choir members should be asked to pay for tickets. A bus could be arranged for transport. A date in May seems most suitable, if the venue is available.</p>	<p>CC/MM/KA</p>
<p>2. Visit by U.S.A. Choir</p> <p>The initial approach from the U.S.A. choir suggested that they would join us for a joint concert in Killearn this summer. However, they are now suggesting instead a concert in Callander on June 8th. It was felt that this was not something we wished to pursue.</p>	<p>CC</p>
<p>9.Future Trips 2018</p> <p>It was decided that a foreign trip by the choir was not a realistic possibility for 2018 and would probably be prohibitively expensive. Mark suggested contacting Dingwall Choral Society, with whom he has contacts, with a view to a possible visit. This will be followed up.</p>	<p>ME/CC</p>
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>1. Blouses</p> <p>Judith brought the committee up to date about the provision of blouses for the ladies in the choir. The current blouses are being loaned to choir members for £35 and, when returned, they receive a refund of £25. With new members joining, it is now essential to source new blouses which would match our current ones. Pat Ashworth has been managing the provision of blouses and has a large quantity of the original fabric. Pat, Judith, Moira and Kirsty agreed that a simple shirt/blouse style would be the best way forward and would blend in with our current, more complex, design. Pat sourced a suitable pattern and has asked Karen of Karen's Designs in Milngavie for a quote (£25-£30 to make one up using our own fabric). Karen is making one at present so that we can assess it, and then more can be made when needed. The committee agreed that this would be a suitable way forward.</p> <p>11. Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 6th March at 6.00pm in Balfron Church Hall</p>	

