



Committee Meeting
Monday 28th August 2017

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

MINUTES	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: Moira McKendry. Colin welcomed everyone.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting, 6th March 2017 The minutes were approved.</p> <p>3. AGM/First rehearsal on September 4th</p> <p>a) Committee Membership The current committee are entitled to remain in place. Bill is happy to continue as Treasurer and Kirsty indicated that she and Moira are happy to continue in their role for this year, at least until after the choir visit to Strathpeffer. Colin feels that the Committee is rather small at present, and we need to think about the role of Vice-Chair for the coming year. Some names were suggested and Colin will approach these people at the AGM.</p> <p>b) Rehearsal/AGM arrangements The rehearsal/AGM timings are to be as follows: Rehearse 7.30pm AGM 8.15pm Refreshments 9.00pm End 9.30-9.45pm Kirsty and Moira will organize the refreshments (including tea, coffee, nibbles and cakes). Colin can provide bottled water, orange and apple juice and Ewing will bring glasses. The Minute from the AGM on June 6th 2016 has been circulated by email to the choir along with the agenda for this AGM. Bill will also circulate the Financial Report by email. It was agreed not to print copies unless individuals request it in order to save costs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KA/MM CC/EW</p>



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<p>4. Strathpeffer visit (May 18-20th 2018)</p> <p>Colin told the choir of his recce visit to Strathpeffer and the Dingwall Choral concert in May 2017. He was very impressed by the beautiful Strathpeffer Pavilion as a performing venue.</p> <p>a) Accommodation The Bay Highland Hotel is a large Victorian building in a perfect location for us adjacent to the Pavilion. It should be fine to accommodate the choir, offering a very good price for a weekend stay. Bill has already paid the deposit to secure an initial 25 rooms. This number could be altered slightly if needed. Bill will contact the hotel management to see whether they could provide a buffet meal for us prior to the concert on the Saturday, as the timing of their regular dinners would not fit with our concert timing.</p> <p>b) Concert(s) Mark has already been in touch with John Thomson, the Dingwall Choral conductor, to start to plan a programme. The suggestion at present is that both choirs perform individually with maybe one joint piece. As we would be keen to perform a second concert on the Sunday before travelling south, John also suggested venues in either Alness or Fearn Abbey, both of which would be further away from home. The committee felt that, if a concert could be arranged in Inverness that would be preferable. It would attract a potentially wider audience and also be on the way home. Colin will contact John to follow this up and to get the contact details of Gordon Tocher, the organist at Inverness Cathedral. He was involved in the Dingwall Choral Concert and is also conductor of the Inverness Choral Society. Colin will also discuss with John the sharing of costs and the advertising of our joint concert.</p> <p>c)Transport Bill has obtained some quotes for coaches. Numbers are still uncertain, as there will be several couples who may wish to travel independently. Mark has a contact, Chris Crisp, who may be able to give a competitive quote. Bill will have a rough costing for the trip soon, when the choir will be asked for the £25 deposit.</p> <p>6. Future Dates</p> <p>The October break – No rehearsal on Monday 16th October, to coincide with Mark’s school holidays, not Stirling’s.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>The Killearn Christmas Market</td> <td>Saturday 2nd December 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Concert in Gartmore</td> <td>Sunday 10th December 2017 7pm (rehearsal in afternoon, probably 2.30pm-4.30pm)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Killearn Christmas Concert</td> <td>Friday 15th December 2017 (7.30pm)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra rehearsal for Spring Concert</td> <td>Saturday 10th February 2018 (2-5pm)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Musical Coffee Morning</td> <td>Saturday 3rd March 2018 (tickets available for Spring Concert)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Spring Concert</td> <td>Sunday 25th March 2018</td> </tr> </table> <p>Dingwall Tour - weekend of 18th to 20th May 2018 (rehearsal dates in the run-up to this are April 23rd, 30th, May 7th and 14th.)</p> <p>AOB None</p>	The Killearn Christmas Market	Saturday 2nd December 2017	Christmas Concert in Gartmore	Sunday 10th December 2017 7pm (rehearsal in afternoon, probably 2.30pm-4.30pm)	The Killearn Christmas Concert	Friday 15th December 2017 (7.30pm)	Extra rehearsal for Spring Concert	Saturday 10th February 2018 (2-5pm)	The Musical Coffee Morning	Saturday 3rd March 2018 (tickets available for Spring Concert)	The Spring Concert	Sunday 25th March 2018	<p>BN</p> <p>ME</p> <p>CC</p> <p>CC</p> <p>BN</p>
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