

**Committee Meeting
Monday 30th October 2017**

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

MINUTES	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: There were no apologies. Colin welcomed everyone.</p> <p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 28th August 2017 The minutes were approved by Kirsty and seconded by Bill</p> <p>3. Matters arising Colin has no progress to report on the recruitment of new committee members. He plans to follow this up in the near future.</p> <p>4. Financial report Bill reported that the subscriptions were coming in well as were the deposits for the Strathpeffer trip.</p> <p>5. Diary Matters a) Killearn Country Market. Saturday 9th December 2017 Helen Barclay has confirmed that she will be available and happy to accompany us and Ken Allen will rehearse and conduct the choir. Ken has asked for a box to stand on, which Colin will provide, and a music stand. The choir will rehearse from 10.00am. We will perform just one slot this year, probably around 10.45am. A sign-up sheet is being circulated around the choir.</p>	<p></p> <p>CC</p> <p>CC</p>



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<p>b) Gartmore Concert. Sunday 10th December 2017 at 7.00pm The Gartmore Village Hall is booked for us from 1.30pm-9.30pm and the rehearsal will run from 2.30pm-5.30pm with a break at half time. A team of choir members will be required to erect the staging (6 sections). Choir members will be asked to take their own food for refreshments between rehearsal and concert. Moira and Kirsty will provided hot drinks. The large room at the back of the hall will be available for the choir to use. We will perform the same concert as at Killearn on December 15th with Penny providing piano accompaniment. There will be two soloists – Ross Fettes (baritone) and Rebecca Pennykidd (soprano). A quartet from Douglas Academy will play at Killearn, and at Gartmore if available. Tickets will cost £10 for an adult and £3 for under-16s. The choir will provide tickets, posters and the banner. The Gartmore Hall Committee will provide mince pies, shortbread and mulled wine for the interval. After these refreshment costs have been deducted, the ticket money will be divided 50/50 between the Hall Committee and the choir. Moira will organize the distribution of tickets for this, and for the Killearn Concert. Ewing will produce the programme and the tickets. Colin will produce the poster and programme cover, probably with a Wenceslas theme. Publicity for this, and the Killearn concert, will be placed in local papers, Parklife, Killearn Courier and local church newsletters. The Gartmore Committee will also help with publicity. Colin and Christine Hunter (to whom thanks are due) have been recruiting advertisers for the programme and £620 has already been promised, with more to come. Endrick Blooms will also take an advert and, as last year, a bouquet of flowers will be provided in lieu of cash payment. This will be used during the coming year.</p>	<p>MM/KA</p> <p>MM EW CC JN</p>
<p>c) Killearn Concert. Friday 15th December at 7.30pm Killearn Kirk and Halls are booked from 4.00pm-10.00pm and the rehearsal will run from 5.00pm-7.00pm. A team of choir members is required to move staging from the Village Hall into the church. Vicky will be asked if her car can be used to help with the move. Judith will contact Joanna Donaldson from Killearn Village Hall committee to arrange access for the staging. Moira and Kirsty will provide refreshments for the soloists and quartet between the rehearsal and the concert and they will also coordinate the provision of the interval refreshments. They will liaise with Jenny Lunn on the provision of drinks. A list will be passed round the choir for mince pies and shortbread. Tickets will cost £10 and £3 for children and Moira will handle the distribution, as before. Programmes, posters and publicity will be as for the Gartmore concert. Judith will contact Peter Wilks for help with lighting, Anne Parker and her team for the decoration of the church, and Lock Parker to arrange the handling of the tickets at the door of the church. A raffle will be held, as last year. Either Colin or Mark will use the PA system to announce the winners at the end of the concert, rather than during the interval. After discussion it was proposed that, because of congestion in the church foyer, tickets will be sold by two people at each side of the church, just inside the door. People will be asked to place £5 in an envelope on which they will write their names. Colin will approach Alison Brown to see if she would ask Friends of the Choir to do this. Choir members will be asked for donations for the hampers, which Moira will coordinate. Lee Rooney from Endrick Trading has offered to donate a gift basket. The choir will be asked to help with clearing up after the concert.</p>	<p>JN</p> <p>MM/KA</p> <p>MM</p> <p>JN</p> <p>CC</p> <p>MM</p>
<p>d) Coffee Morning. Saturday 3rd March 2018 10.00am-12noon The church hall is booked from 9.00am to 1.00pm</p>	

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<p>e) Spring Concert. Sunday 25th March 2018 An extra rehearsal is planned for Saturday February 10th from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in Balfron Church Hall. Killearn Kirk and Halls are booked for the concert from 1.00pm to 10.00pm on the 25th March.</p> <p>6. Strathpeffer Trip. May 18th to 20th 2018 Colin has tried, unsuccessfully so far, to contact John Thomson from the Dingwall Choral to discuss various aspects of the arrangements for the Strathpeffer visit, including the advertising, ticketing, sharing of costs etc. Mark has also had no success in contacting him about the programme. Efforts will continue. Bill has now booked and paid the deposit for 25 rooms in the Bay Highland Hotel, Strathpeffer. He also contacted them about the provision of food on the Saturday. We will need to eat earlier than their normal evening meal time, and before our concert. The hotel has agreed to provide us with a soup and sandwiches buffet at about 5.00pm. Choir numbers are now 31 (10 sops, 12 altos, 3 tenors and 6 basses). We also have a number of partners accompanying us. Two couples will use their own transport. Mark is hopeful that Chris Baxter will be our accompanist. The coach has been booked from Allander Coaches at a cost of £1,400 for the weekend. A second concert on the Sunday afternoon in Inverness remains an ambition. Ewing will approach Andrew Stevenson, formerly of Dunblane, and Mark will contact Robin Versteeg, musical director of the Inverness Singers, to see if they can help in organizing a concert for us in the city.</p> <p>7. AOB None</p> <p>8. Date of next meeting The next meeting will be on Monday 19th February 2018 at 6.00pm in Balfron Church Hall.</p>	<p>EW ME</p>