



Committee Meeting Monday 10th September 2018

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

1. Welcome and Apologies: Colin welcomed everyone. Annette Rogers sent her apologies.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 30th April 2018 were accepted as correct

3. Matters arising from meeting on 30th April 2018

Colin suggested that flowers and a card could be given to Moira and Kirsty as thanks for their great work as the catering team over the past four years. This was met with approval and the flowers will be delivered this week. JN

Due to changes in the Data Protection regulations (GDPR) which took effect in May 2018, choir members were asked whether they wished to opt-in to, or opt-out from, receiving emails from the choir that do not relate directly to the core business of the choir. Their responses were collated and are held by the secretary and chair of the choir. New members will be asked for their preferences and these will be added. An Opt-In mailing list has also been created. JN

The Highland Tour took place in May 2018 as planned and was very successful.

The AGM took place on Monday September 3rd as planned, and the new committee was installed. A decision was made at the AGM to put the sum of £717.50 which was surplus after the Highland Tour into a separate account and to use it for future trips. BN

4. Come and Sing

The decision was made to postpone this event proposed for September 15th 2018, due to the fact that there was not enough time to properly organize and publicise it. Bill has applied for, and received a grant of £500 from Stirling Council to run the event.

Bill will get in touch with Greg Ratcliffe from Balfour High School Music Department to explore a future date and Mark will also liaise with Greg, and arrange a meeting, to discuss the music. A date in January 2019 was thought to be possible. BN
ME

5. Carol Singing at The Smiddy, Blair Drummond

This will take place on December 8th 2018 and Colin will contact the manager to discuss timings. Judith will contact Helen Barclay to see if she is available to accompany us. Mark may be able to attend, depending on the timings, but otherwise Ken Allen will be asked if he will conduct. Mark will arrange for a keyboard to be available. This will then be taken to Gartmore for our concert on the following day, December 9th. CC
JN
ME



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6. Coffee Morning 2019

It was felt that holding the Coffee Morning after Easter should be tried again, after the success last year. A rehearsal would be held on Monday April 29th with the Coffee Morning on Saturday May 4th. Judith will check whether the Killearn Church Hall is available.

JN

7. AOB

Aran Browning has contacted us to suggest another opportunity for collaboration in conjunction with 'Making Music' and the 'ChoirCommunity' website. He would be keen to work with us again, specifically to create a *short piece (around 3 minutes) which is accessible, fun and has a particular flavour/topic/concept*. Mark feels that this might be good for the choir, both musically and as a marketing opportunity. He will discuss it further with Aran.

ME

Bill mentioned an invitation received from Making Music to attend a workshop entitled *Growing your Membership* on September 29th 2019 in Falkirk Business Hub. It was decided to ask if any choir member might be able and keen to attend. Colin will mention it at choir rehearsal. Otherwise Ewing might be able to attend.

CC

It was asked whether we follow up on members who stop attending. In fact, they are always contacted, if they have not already let us know their reasons.

At the AGM, Ewing had informed us that he will be stepping down from the Librarian post at the end of this choir year in June 2019. He has given the choir many years of very valuable service in this role. Thought will need to be given to a successor for Ewing.

There was some discussion about access to photocopying facilities which Ewing was able to use at Dunblane Cathedral and which will no longer be available to us. Bill has connections with Balfron High School which could be pursued. Philip also suggested that he has good copying facilities at home. Additionally, we were reminded that the choir collection of music is held in cupboards in Killearn Kirk.

Philip raised the subject of the choir Christmas concert repertoire. While he, personally, has been enjoying the Christmas/religious music we have sung, he wondered if maybe different types of music could be included in the first half of the concert.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This will be on Monday October 22nd 2018 at 6.15pm