

Minutes of the Committee Meeting on Wednesday 16th January 2019
at 6.30 pm. Held at the Salvation Army Hall

Present: Angela, Carol, Christine, Dee, Hilary M, Hilary B, Jenny, Lee-Ann, Margaret, Sheila, Ysanne. Apologies : Daphne (car trouble)

1. The Minutes of last meeting, 14th November 2018 were agreed
2. Christmas concert: generally excellent feedback and a very enjoyable evening, raising £712 for East Hants MIND. One point raised, because Carolyn & Moira didn't use the microphone to talk, they couldn't be heard in the audience; and also when singing, perhaps because they stood to the left. Several noted that the singers were very cold in the church. There was a mention in the Petersfield Post, and on the MIND Facebook page.
3. Singing at the Museum, 2.12.18, went well from a singing point of view, but had a small audience. It was suggested that the Museum could perhaps have done more to draw people in, as the town was very busy that day.
4. Possible change of venue: See summary notes. Ysanne outlined her visit to Churchers College with Carolyn last week. Carolyn is happy with the hall and the acoustic (it has a soft floor). There are alternative back up venues on site, the lecture hall and even the gym if needed. All Wednesdays are clear. The current cramped conditions, lack of available space for wheelchair users and length of the waiting list (currently 23) are the main reasons to want to move. A disadvantage is that it is less central to the town (though no worse than TPS). There may be some loss of members if we change venue. There is already limited space for performers in St Peter's Church. How big would we want the choir to grow? Carolyn feels that with holidays, illness etc, and singers who don't wish to perform, that the numbers performing at concerts will probably settle naturally (this is what she finds in her Winchester choir). If not, we could operate some sort of rule about rehearsal attendance in the run up to the concert. Currently around 40 to 50 people usually perform. After discussion, the committee's vote was 9:3 in favour of the move. (DG had emailed when she realised she would not be able to attend the meeting, and told MT that she supported the move to Churchers, making the 9th vote). In accordance with our Constitution, as this is a major decision it needs the approval of the membership (the situation is different to the

move from TPS, where the rehearsal space had become untenable because of the noise of equipment in the hall). We decided to talk to choir tonight, and follow up by email asking for a response from members by next Wednesday. If the vote is in favour, we could move after half term, giving the SA the required one month's notice. *(MT, CG)*

5. CD is still selling, people are pleased with the quality. CG will update on sales –members re still asking for copies, and it be available at future concerts.
6. Petersfield Museum Name a Brick project: there is a Brick with the choir's name on it. There will be an opening event in October 2020.
7. Wassailing on Sunday 20th January at 2pm. Remind members tonight. The weather forecast is good! It has been mentioned, with an old photo, in the Petersfield Post.
8. Sarah Morgan Memorial Concert: Carolyn is organising a joint concert of all the choirs that Sarah was involved in at Winchester Guildhall on Sunday 30th June in the afternoon. (exact time to be confirmed). Ask choir members tonight to confirm that there is enough support. Possible hire of a coach for the event. *(MT)*
9. July concert charity & guest act: Age Concern Petersfield and Fitzroy have both approached us. Carol will review the suggestions from choir members in the questionnaire. We have several suggestions under consideration for the guest act. *(LM. CS)*
10. Choir attendance: A question raised about members booking for the term but then not attending. Monitor, and review if the venue doesn't change. *(CG)*
11. AoB: Hilary B said (as a recently joined member), she was very pleased to have a new programme of songs. It will be easier for new members to feel part of the choir.

Next Meeting: Provisionally set for 13th February at 6.45pm. (Carol & possible Christine may not be able to make it). Subject to confirmation after we have the result of the member vote

MT 21.01.19

