**KELSBOROW CHOIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 18th April 2019 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes**

**MINUTES**

1. **Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Jim Edwards, Alan Burgess, Christine Tickell, Maddy Swan-Manning, Margrett Barnes, Veronica Barnett, Heather Oulton, Mary Stubbington, Janice Anderson, Isabelle Hughes, and Margaret Corlett.

1. **Apologies:** Malen Johnson, Sue Witter, Irene Wilkinson, and Barry Lockwood.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** 
   1. **Defibrilator**. Isabelle updated the meeting as to where we are with the defibrillator. The original quotation from the Red Cross to supply the machine had been for £800.00, and it was this sum which we applied to the Earl of Chester’s fund – and received. It transpires that the quotation omitted to include the required weather proof box and VAT – which raises the required monies to £1,500.00. The question facing the Committee is where the additional £700.00 is to be found. The meeting discussed the other potentially beneficial parties in this part of the village – the Church, Plymouth Brethren, Ashton Sings, and the Dance group – and questioned whether they would be prepared to share the cost? Jim agreed to write and ask for a donation of £140.00 from each. |AP01JDE|.
   2. **Alan** referred to a couple of points which he had raised at the previous meeting –
      1. If at next Christmas there were to be another significant donation for the raffle then it should be mentioned on the programme and
      2. If there was an intention to split the monies raised between two or more charities then that should also be clearly stated in any advertising.
   3. **Social Group**. On the 2nd June another walk is planned around Kelsall along forest tracks and ending up in the Morris Dancer. The next SG meeting is planned for May.
   4. **Concerts –**
      1. Christleton – Margaret is planning on inviting a soloist. Jim to contact Christleton to find out what the ticket prices are going to be and pass the information to Isabelle **|AP02JDE|.**
      2. Barrow (22nd June). – Margaret has been in contact with the school to arrange a couple of Choir sessions. The proceeds are going to support Wateraid. Refreshments to be the same as last year and ticket prices set at £8.00 and £4.00.
      3. Wedding at Barrow. Margaret confirmed that she had been in touch with the Bride and agreed the music and hymms. Start is at 3pm.
4. **AGM and Officers.** The meeting discussed those points raised by the body of the Choir during the AGM. On the matter of putting out the chairs is was felt that if the Choir members endeavour to be present at 7:30 for a 7:45 start then everyone would be able to help with putting out the chairs. The other matter was the issue of too much talking during rehearsals. Jim agreed to write to the Choir about these two issues. **|AP03JDE|.**
5. **Correspondence.** Jim advised that no correspondence of note had been received since the last meeting.
6. **Treasurer’s Report.** Heather presented the latest set of accounts for the meeting. In response to a question Heather advised that about 10 people have not paid their subs yet. It was noted that the reference to Save the Family should read Save the Children. Elaine advised the meeting that Alan Wilkinson was formally retiring from the Tarvin Community Centre Committee at their AGM and it was planned by that Committee to make him a presentation. The meeting agreed to donate £25.00 to that collection.
7. **Future Concerts.**
   1. Kelsall Workshop. All of those from the Committee who attended agreed wholeheartedly that it had been a success and we should support any plan for a repeat in the future. It was noted that wheelchair access with the church had been tight and that maybe the community centre in Tarvin would offer greater access?
   2. Llanelian. A concert some time in 2019 at Llanelian had been spoken of in the past but in Irene’s absence there was little the meeting could discuss.
   3. TarpFest. Isabelle informed the meeting that she had approached the organisers of Tarp Fest about 5 or 6 weeks previously to see if there was a role for the Choir. The concept is a coming together of Choirs to make music in Bunbury Church this August. Isabelle expects them to reply imminently in which case she will pass on details. **|AP04IH|**.
8. **Any Other Business:**
   1. **Availability Lists**. Christine noted that people are putting their names on these lists without taking them seriously. In future the lists will go on the board so people are reminded what they have signed up for.
   2. **New Members**. Six new members have joined the Choir recently. Jim to write welcoming them to the Choir and providing membership packs.
   3. **Trip to Holland**. Whilst it was generally agreed that there might be a trip to Mannenkoor in 2020, and that there was some interest within the choir in attending, actual details are scant. Jim agreed to speak to Malen to seek advice on contacting her friends there. **|AP05JDE|.** What is very clear is that if we do go it will take a lot of organising and a project manager put in place.
   4. **Music Cupboard.** Margrett informed the meeting that she wants to hold a collective sort out of the music cupboards one Friday morning. Elaine agreed to find out whether the hall would be available on a forthcoming Friday.
   5. **Web-**site. Following a prompt from Alan the meeting discussed whether the Choir would see any benefit from spending £500.00 to improve the web-site. The conclusion was no. Christine asked if anyone had any photographs she would ensure they went up onto Facebook.

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Thursday 13th June at 7:30.