**KELSBOROW CHOIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Jim Edwards, Alan Burgess, Christine Tickell, Isabelle Hughes, Margrett Barnes, Veronica Barnett, Heather Oulton, Irene Wilkinson, Mary Stubbington, Margaret Corlett

1. **Apologies:** Maddy Swan-Manning, Malen Johnson, Joan Pidgeon Barry Lockwood.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 29th February 2018 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** 
   1. **First aid**. Isabelle Hughes informed the meeting that she had purchased the items for the first aid kit. On the matter of the defibrillator it is thought that there is a good case for a unit to be mounted on the outside of the village hall – which Elaine believed would be allowed by that Committee. The cost to procure and install such a unit would be £6 to 800.00 plus running and an annual service charge so the only question is where such funding might be obtained. Whilst it was agreed that the Parish Council wouldn’t be interested, it was noted that the WI had sold their hall and were distributing funds. Christine advised the meeting that the Oliver King foundation had installed over 2,000 units in schools across the country and maybe they could help. Jim agreed to write to enquire what might be available. **|AP01JDE|.**
   2. **Facebook.** Alan has uploaded the photographs onto the web-site – it was agreed that they made a splendid improvement. Isabelle was doing the same on Facebook
   3. **Irene MacDonald.** Elaine confirmed that she had written to Irene thanking her for her and support and commitment to the Choir and wishing her well for the future.
4. **Correspondence**:
   1. Heather had received a letter of thanks from Bloodwise in response to the £550.00 donation we made after the Eaton Hall concert.
   2. Jim advised the meeting that he had received an e-mail from South Nottinghamshire Male Voice Choir stating that they were presenting a concert locally in July and would we be interested in presenting a joint concert on the adjacent evening? After some deliberations it was agreed that we wouldn’t take up their offer. Jim agreed to respond on the Choir’s behalf **|AP02JDE|**
5. **Treasurer’s Report**: Heather presented the accounts for discussion. Elaine thanked Alan for repairing the music stand, apart from which there weren’t any comments.
6. **Social Group:** Christine reported on behalf of the Social Group. They had recently held a meeting to discuss and plan future events.
   1. On 20th May a Choir walk is planned starting from Malen’s house. Cost will be £1.00pp to cover tea and coffee. Three options were available; a 4 to 5 mile walk, a 2 mile walk or to simply sit and chat. A further walk is being considered for July taking route advice from Steve Lightfoot.
   2. A lunch at Pryors Hayes (possibly with a post-prandial walk) was being considered for September.
   3. Barry and Andrea had agreed to look into a murder mystery evening in November.
   4. An American supper is planned for 18th December and
   5. In February 2019 a lunch at the Cheshire View. Elaine stated that the meeting had proved extremely positive and productive..
7. **Publicity:** Isabelle updated the meeting on publicity activities.
   1. Some calls had already been received concerning the open evening.
   2. The lovely photographs taken by Maddy’s sister had yet to go onto the Facebook page.
8. **Concerts:** 
   1. Barrow. Isabelle has spoken to the Minister who was very keen for this to go ahead- end June/early July – maybe 7th? Elaine asked what the capacity might be -150? Isabell will investigate further along with Elaine and Christine.
   2. Llanelian. Irene has a date in her diary to talk to them after March 31st but there is no fixed date yet. The meeting discussed the options of tagging on a social group lunch or utilising a coach but these were dismissed as too expensive.
   3. Christleton Church. Elaine advised that she was going to visit to see what the layout was like.
   4. Christmas. Alan has talked to Cheryl. They only have 130 seats and no others to add to that although the building can hold 250. The question was asked that maybe we could borrow some from the Methodist Church or hold the concert in the Methodist Church? Margaret advised that the Methodist Church cannot serve wine plus (again) the capacity might not be enough. Alan asked the meeting that if chairs can be sourced, do we go ahead with the Community Centre? – yes.
   5. On the subject of Christmas 2018 Jim was asked to make early approaches to various venues to see if there were opportunities for Carol Singing this year – Sainsburys, Tarporley Wyevale, Hollies, Okells Garden Centre, Tatton. **|AP03JDE|**
9. **Any Other Business:** 
   1. The meeting agreed that Steve Lightfoot be welcomed into the Choir.
   2. Summer rehearsals. Margaret advised the meeting that she would be on annual leave after 10th July, returning on the 28th. Nick had declared himself available for the 10th but not the 17th. It was agreed that we would have a summer break on the Tuesdays 17th and 24th July.
   3. Village Hall Committee. Elaine appraised the meeting of plans that the VHC have in the near future. There are plans for – A new front door, new internal lighting, repositioning of one of the external lights.
   4. Uniform. Jim read out an e-mail from Malen which listed the available items she holds in stock. It was agreed that Malen be asked to bring in the tee shirts, men’s shirts, and sweat shirts to see if there is any interest amongst members. Christine advised that she believed that for the Christleton concert, men should be encouraged to wear a coloured tie of their own choice.
   5. NAC. The NAC were to ask Nick to run a training workshop and maybe there would be another 6 choir concert in 2018.

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7:30.