**KELSBOROW CHOIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Janice Anderson, Jim Edwards, Alan Burgess, Christine Tickell, Veronica Barnett, Heather Oulton, Irene Wilkinson, Mary Stubbington, Sue Witter, Chris Davies.

1. **Apologies:** Malen Johnson, Margrett Barnes, Margaret Corlett.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:**
	1. Heather confirmed that a cheque for the accumulated Christmas fund raising over Christmas 2019 had been sent to the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital.
4. **2021 AGM.**
	1. Matters arising from the AGM. The meeting discussed the issue of setting out and putting away of the chairs and equipment which had been discussed at the AGM. The matter was unresolved but migrated to a discussion on start times. Because of Covid, the tap-dance group are starting and finishing later which is crossing into our rehearsal time. Noise is now an issue. Elaine reminded the meeting that there had been a thought to hang a heavy curtain on the mirror room side of the interconnecting door. Was it a practical solution? Elaine said she would speak to Martin and Janice would speak to the dance group. It is Kelsborrow Choir night and the dance group should return to their previous times **|AP01 EC/JA|.**
	2. All of the Committee with the exception of Margrett signed off on 2021 Officer declaration.
	3. Two choir members were co-opted to the Committee – Sue Witter (proposed by Veronica and seconded by Christine, and Janice Anderson (proposed by Alan and seconded by Heather). The question of whether we needed a third member was discussed and dismissed on the basis that the Choir is much smaller than it used to be.
5. **Correspondence**: A letter from Elaine Parker was read out. In it she explained her reasons for not returning to Choir and expressed her gratitude for the enjoyment she had whilst a member.
6. **Treasurer’s Report**: Heather presented the accounts for discussion. A question was raised as to who is responsible for the purchase of a new battery for the defibrillator when it falls due? Is it down to the Village hall committee, or even the Parish Council? Elaine said that she would enquire **|AP02 EC|.** There were no further questions on the accounts.
7. **Social Group:** Mary stated that in the present climate there were no plans for a social gathering. Suggestions were made that maybe a choir lunch in the new year might be a good idea. Tarporley garden Centre was suggested as a possible venue.
8. **Publicity:** In the absence of Margrett there was nothing to report. Elaine advised that Margrett was having difficulty designing a Christmas concert poster on the software that she possesses. How about Pete Hughes? Elaine suggested that Margrett seek advice from the previous incumbent Isabelle. Heather agreed to design and print 100 tickets. (Done).
9. **Christmas 2021.**
	1. Grosvenor Garden Centre. Chris has plans to visit and check out the venue.
	2. Bolesworth. Chris, Elaine and Christine have plans to visit and discuss their requirements.
	3. Tarporley garden centre karaoke carol singing is arranged for the 11th December.
	4. Christmas Concert 18th December.
		1. Elaine suggested that wine and mince pies be served. A discussion took place on the offering of a non-alcoholic prosecco be considered.
		2. A question was asked as to whether there are any social distancing measures required by the community centre. **Writers Note**. Beatriz informed me that we should try and keep the hall ventilated and for audience and choir to hand sanitise.
		3. We should budget upon selling 100 tickets at £10.00 pp, Children U16 free.
		4. Our charity for Christmas 2021 will be the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital.
10. Concert 2022
	1. Plemstall Church. Anne is still keen to organise a concert in the church.
	2. Isabelle Hughes wants to have a fund raising concert next year.
	3. Queen’s jubilee. Elaine will contact Martin to enquire what the Parish Council are planning. |AL03EC|.
11. AOB.
	1. Veronica asked about the future of the library. It was agreed that this no longer was a worthwhile source of funds and should be closed. Box up the books and take them to a charity shop. Maybe consider putting doors on the front?
	2. The question of the Choir musical balance was discussed. Veronica noted there are 8 members of the alto section but very rarely did all 8 attend. Consequently the section feels overwhelmed by the men behind them. It was thought that this was a point where Margaret’s input was required.
	3. Lottery. Janice advised that the lottery was very nearly ready to hold its first draw,

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Thursday 2nd December at 7:30.