**KELSBORROW CHOIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 20th April 2023 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Jim Edwards, Mary Stubbington, Heather Oulton, Margrett Barnes, Irene Wilkinson, Christine Tickell, Janice Anderson, Sue Witter, Veronica Barnett, Margaret Corlett.

1. **Apologies:** Alan Burgess
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2023 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:**
	1. St Helen’s. Elaine asked Heather if we had heard as to what was raised at the St Helen’s concert? Heather replied that she would chase it.
	2. Elaine asked Heather if she had discovered anything about opening an NS&I account? Heather said that NS&I don’t offer savings accounts for charities but will look at other options.
4. **Correspondence**: Jim noted that no correspondence of any importance had been received since the last meeting.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**: Heather presented the accounts.
	1. Elaine observed that there were greater funds due mostly to subs being paid.
	2. In the absence of any further comments or queries the accounts were acccepted.
6. **Social Group.** Mary advised the meeting that there was nothing to report.
	1. Elaine asked if we could return to Helsby golf club during August.
7. **2023 Concerts.**
	1. **St John’s –** Saturday 20th May. Tickets for sale have been distributed – 120 in all. Christine informed the meeting that she has advertised the concert on on the village web-site and provided posters to the church. Margaret said that she and Martin have met to discuss the programme. We now have copies of the joint piece “Sea Song” and AS have copies of “All Creatures”. We need to have a rehearsal on the afternoon of the 20th (5:45pm?) mainly to practice processing onto and off the “stage”. Given the size of the two choirs it could otherwise look a shambles. The question of refreshments was discussed and it was concluded that wine, fruit juice and cake were the best option. Wine needs to be purchased- 30 bottles?. KC members will be asked to bring cake – cut up and ready to serve. Who will liaise with AS to ask for their contribution? Can we park our cars in the village hall car park? Is there anything on that evening? Costs were discussed. Obviously we have the hire of the Church – 5 hours at £20.00 per hour plus fees for Margaret and Lynne – how much will AS need for Martin and their accompanist?
	2. **Llanelian.** Looking at dates for a concert in Llanelian, September looks out but what about early October – the 7th? Elaine thanked Irene for making enquires.
	3. **Ellesmere Port.** Dates were also discussed for a concert in Ellesmere Port. Margaret asked if the end of July was possible? Other dates were suggested as 14th October or 30th September.
8. **Any Other Business.**
	1. The meeting discussed the subject of uniforms but without any conclusion.
	2. Choir Calendar. Elaine raised the matter that there had been concerns raised by some choir members concerning the length of the summer closure. Margaret informed the meeting that she was taking holidays in late August – up to 10th September. Maybe we need to get Howard in to fill some of the gaps? Margaret herself can do 1st, 8th and 15th August. Maybe get Howard in on the 5th September? Jim agreed to re-issue the calendar.
	3. New Members – The meeting approved the memberships of Carolyn Osborne and Helen Ebbitt.

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Thursday 8th June at 7:30.