

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Ross Van de Zande & Ashley Seaborne.
- 1.1 **Present:** Ian Cooper(Vice Chair), Ivor Thulborn, Nick Gane, Glenn Warriner, Andrew Conquest, Jules Mills, Mark Jefferson & Malcolm Lodge (Sec.)
- 2.0 **Acceptance of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Minutes of the meeting held on 23/11/21 were accepted by the committee and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- 3.1 **(7.3) IT** said he would like to arrange a social evening at the Bury Rugby Club later on in the year to replace the cancelled Carols and Chips evening in December. **IT**
- 3.2 **(5.1) AC** said the bucket collection at the Apex charity concert was retained by WiSH as agreed by **IT**. However the overall surplus from the concert ( now reduced by £200 see 9.2 below) was insufficient to enable The British Legion to receive a similar amount. The committee agreed that RBL would receive a donation of £500 therefore partly funded by the Choir.
- 4.0 **Concert Secretary: IT**
- 4.1 **IT** said he felt that there was a decision to make regarding finishing the CD recording, he asked **MJ** for his thoughts. **MJ** said that 12 songs had been recorded but some of them needed some work done on them and there were 3 more to be recorded. He added that Simon Shirm might be persuaded to help finish the CD project. It would be prudent to set a date to finish the recording with July and November 2022 both being put forward as options. **AC** suggested that the availability of the Granary needed to be established before a date could be set. **IT** said he would follow this up. **IT**
- 4.2 Memorial concerts for both Ed Wilson and David Peck were suggested by **IT**. All the committee were in agreement that the choir needed something to work to and **IT** added that perhaps a memorial concert for Ed Wilson could be held in late March early April **IT** said he would speak to Sylvia Wilson to get her ideas of the music she would like sung at the concert. **IT**
- 5.0 **Concert Manager: AS** Absent no report.
- 6.0 **Music Director: MJ**
- 6.1 **MJ** asked if the pay rates for the Music Team could be looked into. He said he didn't want to openly discuss them but asked that he might forward the union recommendations to **AC** who can forward them to the committee for discussion. This was agreed by the committee. At this point **ML** apologised to **MJ** and the committee for not forwarding the improved pay scales that were agreed at the October committee meeting and came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

- 7.0 **Chairman: RVdZ** Absent no report.
- 8.0 **Vice Chairman: IC**
- 8.1 **IC** gave an update on the mediation process. The mediator had been in contact with both parties and the second stage which involves face to face meetings now needed to be started. It was hoped that Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup> would be suitable but this has not been acceptable to all parties. The date now proposed is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February and **IC** added that he was waiting for confirmation from the mediation company for this to go ahead on that date.
- Post meeting note: 14<sup>th</sup> February now confirmed by all parties. **IC**
- 9.0 **Treasurer: AC**
- 9.1 The annual choir insurance has been paid. Also the annual Gift Aid rebate has been applied for which should see a return of c£2500, greater than last year due to large donations received from Paul Deane and his family in memory of Paul. Ian Morgan is paying £25 per month directly into the President's Fund. All the money from ATOL, £37,009 has been received and the refunds were all paid out on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. At this point **IC** on behalf of the committee thanked **AC** for all of his hard work in drawing this to a satisfactory conclusion.
- Post meeting note: Gift Aid received amounting to £2522 **AC**
- 10.0 **Secretary; ML**
- 10.1 The piano had been tuned before the first rehearsal, at the choir's cost.
- 10.2 After the Easter break is looking to be the earliest that the choir can return to Howard Primary School for rehearsals. **ML** said he was keeping dialogue going with the Head Teacher on a regular basis regarding this. **ML**
- 11.0 **Membership Secretary: NG**
- 11.1 3 new members Andrew Bonner(TT), Paget Fulcher(Bari) & Tony Bucanhan(Bass).  
2 potential new members Neville Housome & Jacob Samuel
- 11.2 81 paying members of the choir with 73 attending
- 11.3 Section Leaders have been given member details of their relative sections.
- 11.4 **NG** requested that some doors are left open during rehearsals. **IC/ML** said they would ensure this happens. **IC/ML**
- 12.0 **Librarian: GW**
- 12.1 20 copies of Shenandoah purchased along with a new choir stamp for the sheet music.
- 12.2 Starting to backfill the old numbers.
- 13.0 **Website: JM**
- 13.1 Monitoring Facebook and web pages, everything ok.

- 14.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 14.1 **IC** said that Ashley Seaborne will bring the music stand and platform for rehearsals.
- 14.2 **AC** said that the next AGM could revert to May this year as per the Constitution. All the committee agreed to this.
- 14.3 **ML** suggested there should be a social event in the spring/summer as a way of thanking the majority of the membership for paying their subscriptions through the lockdowns that prevented rehearsals for nearly 18 months. **AC** suggested the Guildhall in Bury using outside caterers. **GW** said he would like to perform with his band in a marquee or similar perhaps on James Black's land. **GW** said he would speak to James. **GW**
- 14.4 **IT** said he would like to put on an Old Music Hall style evening at Bury Rugby Club. **IT**
- 15.0 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 pm with Section Leaders** **ALL**  
**The Deaf Centre, 28 Northgate Street Bury St Edmunds IP33 1HY**



