

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA COMMUNITY CHOIR

Notes of Meeting held on Friday 19 July 2024, 7.00pm,

at 6 Penny Close, Boughton Monchelsea

Present: Paul Warren, Debby Boland, Mary D'Arcy, Lyn Dive, Robin Fuller, Jeff Bray, Karen Hill, Liz Owen

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence were received from Tracey Davies and Sue Burbridge	
2.	Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 15 March 2024	
2a.	Accuracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were signed by the Chairman, and the amendment, agreed as a true record. 	
2b.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
2c.	Ongoing Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Logo – RF reported that results of the survey showed 32 were in favour of the original logo. 51 surveys had been returned. PW had attended the Village Hall AGM. See Item 5 below. 	
3.	Concerts	
3a.	Wash Up for 29 June Joint Concert with Maidstone Voices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Concert with Maidstone Voices had received good feedback. Administrative liaison seemed to be an issue and committee members indicated that they would be willing to assist with administration if another joint concert was undertaken. After discussion KH agreed that this might be better to be a bi-annual event and that we might consider other choirs to partner with. Discussion took place on singing with no scores and learning the words, for future events. 	
3b.	Concerts for 2025 – dates and format? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed no joint concert for 2025. Agreed Summer Concert for 2025 – 19th July. Dependent upon other commitments the Winter Concert for 2025 will take place on either 29th November or 6th December. 	
3c.	St Peters Harvest Music Festival 5 October 2024– Repertoire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW reported that we have been asked to contribute 30-40 minutes. KH will circulate – likely to be largely the repertoire for the 29 June Concert. 	KH
4.	Website	
4a/b.	Website Update/Site Hosting/Fees/Contract Change/Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TD forwarded the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eventbrite – seems to be only free if you are hosting an event with less than 25 tickets. If you represent a non-profit organization and 	

	<p>sign up for a Pro plan you can apply for a discounted rate of 50% off of the standard pricing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Ticket Source – free to use for event organisers but charges a small amount per ticket sold. The question is do we want to pass this cost on to our audience. 3. Tickets could be sold on our website, but WIX would claw back a fee per ticket sold, increasing the cost per ticket for the audience. 4. An alternative site could be used where we cover the cost of marketing the tickets and do not pass any costs on to our audience. This could then be deducted from the total raised or just absorbed as part of the overall costs. 5. TD asked for the thoughts of the committee on obtaining charitable status and would it be beneficial to the choir. <p>Committee responses/observations in TD absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TD thanked for her and Zac’s ongoing efforts. • PW reported that WIX had substantially increased their hosting fees and a new plan had been implemented to reduce costs. This basically means that the storage space available for members information is decreased without effect on the functionality we currently use. PW and TD to consider a further reduction in storage space and implement an off-line process for notifying Members when new items are added. (Possibly WhatsApp – see below) • Further TD was asked to consider whether WIX website could be ported to another host with minimal disruption, possibly benefitting by further savings. • Agreed that online ticketing was not a priority as available options carried a cost for the choir. • It was considered that the choir would not currently benefit from the use of a Credit Card reader. • The Committee agreed that whilst it was desirable to have Charitable status, it was not considered necessary at the present time. • Discussion took place on setting up a ‘WhatsApp Group’ for the choir with KH and EO being the administrators. KH is happy to set up the group. 	<p>PW/TD</p> <p>TD</p> <p>KH/EO</p>
5.	Village Hall Matters	
5a.	<p>Defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMCC has contributed £750 towards the cost of the Defibrillator. • Committee Members felt the height at which the Defibrillator had been installed was too high. PW had already sent comments to the Village Hall Committee. 	
6.	Finances	
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7.	Social Committee Updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EO advised that forthcoming social events would include a 'Bake Off', at the start of next term, and a Bingo Night or Quiz Night for next year. After discussion it was agreed that the 'Bake Off'/Singing would take place on 2 September. EO to email details to choir members. RF suggested an Art Exhibition/BMCC Got's Talent afternoon, starting at 3pm, for Children in Need. This would be open to all the parish. To be discussed at Social Committee. 	EO EO
8.	Publication of Minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested and agreed that copies of approved minutes be published on the website. EO to send TD copies of all approved minutes. 	EO
9.	Any Other Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Storage – DB queried if there would be a better way of storing music in the future. DB uses plastic boxes at the moment. KH suggested selling off copies of scores of 20 or less. The Committee agreed that KH/SG fees increase by 4% with effect from 1 September 2024. KH thanked Committee for the increase. PW to notify SG. Agreed that 2025 AGM would take place on Monday 21st July (the Monday following the July Concert) and would include a social gathering 	DB PW
10.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 15 November 2024, 7pm, 6 Penny Close, Boughton Monchelsea. 	