

St. Ives Community Choir AGM 9th January 2018

Minutes

List of those present:

Alison Ashby	Angela Charleston	Barbara Warner
Don Stevens	Tricia Thomas	Roy Brookes
Judith Tremelling	Lesley Thomas	Alan Thomas
Lynda Thomas	Lynne Brereton	Malcolm Donaldson
Trevor Hoskins	Maureen Stevens	Sandra Oliver
David Polkinghorne	Lillian Polkinghorne	Anne Bassett
Susan Pearson	Vicky Taylor	William Thomas
Dave Brotherton	Joan Symons	Maggie Marr
Elaine Reid	Susan Perrott	Margaret Bailey
Marguerite Butcher		

Apologies for absence

Michael Taylor	Gill Titchener	Johanna Evans
Mary Whitemoor	Chris Pearson	Lauren Kenyon
Steve Bassett	Stuart Greaves	Heather Greaves
Norma Churchward	Rhiannon Williams	Maureen Bungay

The Chairman, Malcolm, welcomed everyone.

Maureen read the 2017 AGM minutes, which were then approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The choir has had a busy year with 13 events, plus a BBQ at Joan's and a weekend in Weston-Super-Mare.

We look forward to another trip in 2018.

Enquiries have already been received for concerts which have to be confirmed.

Lynda thanked Malcolm for opening and closing the chapel on our practice nights and in particular putting the heating on and setting up the equipment.

The list of events for the year will be on the table as before. Can you please tick or cross these dates to indicate whether you will be able to attend.

Once confirmed every effort must be made to attend as **William doesn't agree to do the concerts unless he knows he has a good balance of voices**. Sickness is accepted.

Lynda thanked Alison and William for their commitment to the choir also Alan for the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We started 2017 with £3,155.57.

We paid out £233.03 for Public Liability, Equipment insurance and our Website domain registration.

Rent for the Chapel was £665.

The choir funds subsidised the coach to Truro by £60.

Subscriptions amounted to £1,478.30.

As was agreed at last year's AGM that any weeks missed **need to be paid on your next attendance.**

There is a new attendance sheet this year.

At each attendance would you please mark P if you do not pay the £1, and enter the extra amount paid at your next attendance, remembering that apart from sickness it is £1 per week. Please put S for sickness and H for holiday.

Those who wish to pay in advance may do so if they wish.

- We raised £1,100 for Motor Neurone Disease from the Fore Street and Carbis Bay Chapel concerts.
- Also Joan's BBQ Social and a private donation rounded it up.
- £550 was raised for St. Anta Church from the Proms concert.
- £400 was raised for the Salvation Army and Rotary charities from our trip away in Weston Super Mare.
- Proceeds from the Golf Club dinner raffle and a generous top-up raised £200 for the Stroke Association.
- £106 was raised at the Badger Inn for the Little Harbour Children's Hospice.
- £144 for the Royal Naval Association at the Royal British Legion.
- £204 for Shelter Box at the Carbis Bay Chapel.
- The Concert at Towednack Church raised £300 which was shared between the Church and the Hayle Day Care Centre.
- £250 was raised during an evening at Una in aid of the Salvation Army.
- We do not have a figure from The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fisherman from the Newlyn Proms Concert or St. Erth Chapel for Action for Children.

The total amount raised during 2017 for charities was approaching £4000.

- We had a generous donation of £600 from Charles Reynolds of CJ Medical as part payment for the rent of the Chapel. Maureen has been in contact with him as he has indicated that he will make a similar donation this year.
- St Ives Food and Drink Festival on Porthminster beach gave the choir £30 and the RNA £25.
- Without these donations our balance would have decreased by £49.06.
- A grant of £400 was received from The St Ives Operatic Society for the purchase of the music folders.

The final total in the the bank to start 2018 is £3,761.51

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Alan reported that the website was introduced in April 2014 and had 3312 visits in the first year. The current visitor score is 12550, which gives an average of 285 visits per month since the launch. The website is of interest to not only choir members but those who wish to join the choir. Indeed Elaine and Susan who have recently joined the choir found out about it via this website.

Alan suggested that the website should be printed on any posters and programmes for concerts.

Alan thanked Bill Thomas for photographic material, William and Lynda for their suggestions and proof reading. He reported he was happy to continue as the web master.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

William asked what motivates members to come to practice. Malcolm replied that we all enjoy singing.

William then again commented on commitment and that when he had felt ill or been asked to go to other events he would not let the choir down and asked for a similar commitment from choir members. He liked to think he was giving something back to the community and had been involved in voluntary work in the local community.

He would ask us to encourage and stimulate others.

As a choir we have improved beyond recognition and it was very pleasing to see our glowing faces at the end of a concert.

Individuals we are, but we must also fit together as a team. Not attending practices is letting each other down. The average attendance for practice was 70%.

William suggested that as Alison will not be available in August that we all take a break from practices then.

He has asked if we would please bring our diaries to each practice.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman..... Malcolm Donaldson
Secretary..... Lynda Thomas
Treasurer..... Lynda Thomas
Librarian..... Anne Bassett
Musical Director.... William Thomas
Accompanist..... Alison Ashby
Social Secretaries... Donald and Maureen Stevens
Committee..... Patricia Thomas

ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

4th December Carbis Bay Tree Lighting and Concert.

9th December St Erth Chapel.

17th December British Legion.

Una - a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in December.

All of these to be confirmed.

AOB /Open Discussion

- It was suggested that we make a CD. This was discussed but decided against.
- Anne suggested a summer concert with us to choose a charity.
- Anne asked if we wanted another dinner and were we happy to stay with the Golf Club. The answer was yes and it has been booked for 23rd November.
- Lynda said, "could we do a concert in St Ives?"
- Joan then asked, as President of the Rotary, would the choir do a concert in June or July for her charities, which are St Julia's Hospice and Macmillan Nurses?
This was discussed and we are awaiting further details.
- Lynda reported that the choir need to ask the St Ives Operatic Society for a grant before the end of January. Suggestions then followed about what was needed. A new keyboard and stand? Alison said that our present keyboard has had a lot of use and they do deteriorate and also newer models are available which are superior.
- William suggested staging for the back row where the gentlemen stand.
- Also a folding lightweight podium. These items will be discussed at the committee meeting.
- Charles Reynolds would like a photograph of the choir to go onto the CJ Medical website and this is to be organised.
- William then reiterated that he would like us to not only practice on Tuesday evenings but at home and to concentrate on singing without the words as the sound is much better when we are not looking down at our folders.

Malcolm then closed the meeting.

The next AGM will be on Tuesday 8th January 2019.