

# MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Macclesfield Methodist Church

**PRESENT** Mr Chris Cromar Mr Keith Jones Mr Paul Nadin  
Mr Shane Owens Mr Bryan Peak Mr John Robinson (Chair)

1 **Welcome** – JR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 **Apologies** Mr David Coggan Mr Neil McArthur Mr Tim Neale  
Mr Robert Owens Mr John Powell

3 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> June were agreed and signed.

4 **Matters arising**

- **Dragon's Den** – Still in progress. **Action: NM/JP**
- **Sponsorship options** – Nothing further to report. **Action: SO**
- **Advertising Agency soundtrack** – After considering the Performing Rights implications it has regrettably been concluded that this initiative is not possible.
- **Choir recording** – LK feels this proposal should be pursued as a way of improving the choir's image and profile. BP and JR will explore existing recordings for suitability. **Action: BP & JR**
- **Choir photos** – TN and NM are chasing the remaining photos. **Action: TN & NM**

5 **Financial Update**

5.1 **Forecast**

PN presented a forecast for the year end which showed a balance of £9,385 including ear-marked funds of £760. This figure includes concert income of £4,000 for the remainder of the year but it is hoped that this figure will be exceeded. This outcome would put the choir in a reasonable financial position.

6 **Events**

6.1 **Prestbury**

As already advised, this concert is now planned for 7<sup>th</sup> October, with Harry coordinating. Agreed tickets would be £15 with £5 concession for under 18s.

6.2 **Joint concert with BackBeat**

Now confirmed for 14<sup>th</sup> October. DC is negotiating use of the church and arranging sponsorship and LK has offered to coordinate. Ticket price agreed at £15 and £5 for concessions. **Action: ALL**

6.3 **Remembrance concert**

Macclesfield Methodist has been booked for the concert on 11<sup>th</sup> November and TN is coordinating. BP will contact Harry (C) to discuss what charity should benefit from the concert proceeds. [Agreed after discussion that we would support SSAFA.] Ticket price is to be agreed but suggested at £10. **Action: BP**

6.4 **Songs from the Shows**

Because of availability of St Michael's, this concert is now booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> December. JR will discuss possible soloists with CC – see also item 7 re contact with schools. **Action: JR**

6.5 **Joint concert with High Peak Singers/Bollington Singers**

Agreed to go ahead with a joint concert subject to agreement on costs etc. It was suggested to propose April 2024 but subsequently established that end of March before schools break for Easter fits their schedule better. Their rep has advised the concert would be with Bollington Singers who generally perform at St Oswalds in Bollington. She thought though this would be too small for a joint venture, so we may be looking at hosting in Macclesfield. BP will liaise. **Action: BP**

6.6 **Joint concert with Côr Melbion Colwyn**

We have also received an approach from this choir from Bernard Owen who was a MMVC member before retiring back to Wales. It was agreed to suggest May 2024 with us visiting Colwyn, again subject to agreement on costs. **Action: BP**

6.7 **Joint concert with Côr Melbion Maelgwn**

JP has joined this choir after moving from Macclesfield and proposed a joint concert. Agreed to consider for autumn 2024. **Action: BP**

6.8 **Joint concert with Audley**

This concert still needs to be fitted in as/when they are in a position to make a proposal. CC advised that Audley have offered to share the profit from the concert but, whilst grateful for the offer, the committee felt they should honour the original arrangement. JR will liaise through CC. **Action: JR**

### 6.9 Cornwall Choir Festival

Martin has advised that the deadline for this event has been extended and recommends that the choir should attend. Agreed to explore the costs and then put the idea to members. **Action: BP**

### 6.10 Other Concerts and Venues

It was agreed to aim for six concerts in 2024 from February onwards including at least one away trip. KJ will produce a draft schedule. **Action: KJ**

### 7 Section Representatives

Martin suggested that previous members should be contacted about rejoining. BP advised that those members still in the area were already on regular contact lists.

LK has proposed contacting local schools and colleges to invite their music departments to take part in our concerts. This is seen as a way of extending our profile and also forming working links with the music departments. LK suggests the first opportunity would be this year's SftS. The committee agreed this is worth investigating. LK will discuss with Chris and approach schools/colleges. **Action: LK**

Other comments have been dealt with within the agenda.

### 8 Any other business

BP commented that, as a charity, we need to be mindful of the "public benefit" requirement. Other than the direct benefit to members of belonging, we have not done much else since Covid. We used to attend carehomes etc on a greater scale than we do now and we seldom make charitable donations unlike many other choirs. Agreed to consider options especially if the finances continue to improve.

JR advised that Ciaran has offered temporary support for the role of Chair for the remainder of the year and the committee were pleased to accept. **Action: JR**

### 9 Date of next meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm. [rehearsal is Tuesday that week]

Signed

John Robinson.....4<sup>th</sup> September 2023