

## **2NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### **Present:**

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Eunice Deuchar, Sharon Thomas (ST), Jacqui Clifft, Margaret Ballard, Sarah Turl (STu), Jerry Gamble, Elaine Walter, Gen Marsh

### **1. Apologies:** None

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Agreed by all as correct.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Recruitment - Agreed that an advert would be produced by STu and printed on green card by EG (postcard size) to be put in prominent places. Suggestion made that the advert make clear we currently have vacancies for a tenor. **Action STu/EG ongoing**

#### **New Year's Eve Party – Action ongoing EG**

**Local Vocals photograph for website –** taken by STu, but after discussion it was decided a better quality one was needed, and preferably at a care home venue. Martyn Thomas has volunteered (via ST) to do this when everyone is available. **Action ongoing ST**

**Gazette advert** - It was pointed out that an advert for New Music Makers in the Gazette has the wrong rehearsal time, and does not indicate where we rehearse. STu has contacted them. **Action closed**

**Audit of Accounts –** ST confirmed that books are now with Cliff Jacobs. **Action closed**

**One Drive –** has been installed onto Secretary's laptop. **Action closed**

### **4. Correspondence**

None

### **5. Finance**

Total assets currently £12917. Received donations for draws of £50 and £40 for each one so far. Money received from the Mayor's charity concert of £602 via Ticketsource, to be transferred to charity bank account in due course when bank details received. EG to advise whether our fee is to come out of this figure. **Action EG**

### **6. Publicity**

53 tickets sold so far for summer concert.

### **7. Website and Facebook**

JG pointed out that if members of the public clicked on "Future Events" a message came up saying that members of the choir needed to log in through the members page. No actual information was there for the public. This needs to be removed. JC to contact Emmy. **Action JC**

### **8. Local Vocals**

The group has been nominated for the Solent Make a Difference Award for their contribution to people living with dementia. ED thanked all who take part in LV for their help. The 32 finalists shortlisted will be announced in the summer, and they will be invited to an awards ceremony in September.

## 9. Forthcoming events

**Bishops Waltham Rotary Carnival** – 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm. Choir to be at venue for 1.30 pm. Hoe Road Recreation Ground. GM will collect keyboard. Ladies to wear summery floral tops of own choosing. Gazebo available. Fee agreed at £100.

**NMM Summer concert KCC** – 6<sup>th</sup> June. Members have been asked for donations to be made to bank account to enable the purchase of draw prizes. ED and EW to arrange purchase of prizes. No deposit paid. STu to ask Simon to take photo for the website. Isaac not available to do sound and lighting, but Simon has volunteered to do the projection of pictures behind the choir. Will investigate on the day whether we could leave some curtains open and not have spotlights. Martyn T will do front of house with one other. Black bow ties. Two people required for the raffle. We need to provide our own refreshments as café is closed. Agreed we keep to cold drinks as there is a health and safety issue with tea and coffee. EG to purchase squash, paper cups and biscuits. He has access to jugs for the squash. Hall available for set up from 10.00 am. **Action EG**  
Agreed voucher for Amelia £20 – **Action ST**

**NMM Summer Spectacular Hedge End Village Hall** – 11<sup>th</sup> July. As above for donations. Deposit on hall hire does not need to be paid. Also for Christmas Concert booking. Ladies to wear white tops.

**Bishops Waltham Christmas Fayre** – 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Freegrounds School** – 28<sup>th</sup> November. 11.00 am – 2.30 pm. We have been asked to do two 1hr slots, but this is considered to be too long. Timing of performances to be negotiated.

**NMM Christmas concert Hedge End Village Hall** – 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Haskins** - 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## 10. Choir welfare

None

## 11. AOB

**Uniforms** – Need to ensure everyone understands that uniforms comprise of specified tops, black trousers or long black skirts, black shoes (not open) with black pop-socks.

Website to be updated accordingly. **Action JC/EM**

GM has sent away for a sample top for the ladies for Christmas concert.

Agreed that not necessary at this stage to replace everyone's music folder. Although some people still have quite "tatty" ones, the majority are fine, and from the audience's perspective they are unlikely to notice the ones that are not up to standard. ST had identified a source should we change our mind, and purchased a sample folder.

**Absence from rehearsals prior to concerts** – Agreed that it is at the discretion of the MD to decide if he is happy for people who miss 3 consecutive rehearsals before a concert to join in the performance.

**Banners** – One of our NMM banners has broken and needs replacing. Also requires QR code being added to it. STu to obtain quotes. **Action STu**

**Provisional dates for next year** – Summer concert 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> June, Spectacular 17<sup>th</sup> July and Christmas 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Next meeting June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.