



# Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013

**Present:** Richard Frost, Joe Miles, John Derrick, Natalie Miles, Alan Derrick

**Apologies:** Sean Beechey, Andrea Beechey

## Matters Arising:

- **Letter to Youth band parents:** No one had come forward to present a drafted letter, so the secretary was appointed to do this by the next meeting. As discussed at the previous meeting this would describe the band as an opportunity and that the Youth band will in turn keep bands alive.
- It was noted that more youth band members have come up to the senior band on a regular bases.
- **Events for the summer:** The band manager has offered to look into new events for the summer season for next year.
- **Tenor Horn from Robbie:** The vice chairman was unsure if the horn had been returned, we would need to ask the Chairman.
- **Concert for the Lions club:** No further information is available yet for a potential concert for the Lions club.
- **Advertising for players:** Online adverts are out and the President has offered to make flyers to pass out in the local area.

## Correspondence:

- £400 has been given to the Youth band for the Easter brass break by Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Lions club.
- The band has been asked to perform another Proms concert in Martock, Joe is liaising with the organisers and will arrange a date.
- The Catholic Church has asked the band to play in their fete again next year on 13<sup>th</sup> September, to play two sessions; one at 12:45 and one at 14:30.
- The band was approached by someone from Parliament to ask if we would be happy to be part of a social action website for west Dorset, this is currently being developed. The committee agreed this would only be good for the band.

- The band was asked to perform for a Christening in February, no date yet, Natalie will be in touch with a date.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Current finances are good.

### **Agenda:**

- **Visit to Estonia:** A proposal has been received that the band go to Estonia next year for a long weekend at the end of August. After much discussion it was decided that the band members need to be approached so we can see if we have enough interest to make the trip successful. The band manager will discuss this with the band in the near future.
- **Easter Brass Break:** As discussed at the previous meeting, the committee are concerned that it will not generate enough interest to cover the cost of the event. Dave Bertie has been arranging everything with this event and still plans to go ahead with it. The vice Chairman has agreed to speak with Dave to ensure advertising and other planning work is well under way to make this a success. The committee will reach a decision on whether to run the Easter brass break at the next meeting.
- **Yeovil Contest:** Further to the last meeting, it was decided to wait for the area test piece to become available before deciding whether to go to Yeovil contest. After discussion it was decided that we would not go, purely because we still have empty seats and no percussion section.
- **Open Day:** A proposal for this event was made by the band secretary that an open day would happen on 16<sup>th</sup> November, between 10:00 and 16:00. Jim Bennett has already been contacted and agreed to help with this event. The committee were happy with the date but decided to finish it at 14:00 instead of 16:00. The committee also decided to get the senior band involved by asking them to play a few light pieces as part of the day. Joe has agreed to contact the Western Gazette for a press release on the day.
- **Sherborne Carnival:** A group has formed to try to revive Sherborne Carnival. The committee discussed whether or not we should contact this group to express an interest in being a part of a potential carnival. This was agreed and the band manager will contact the group.
- **Potential Shepton Mallet concert:** The band has been asked to play at a festival in Shepton Mallet on the 4<sup>th</sup> August next year, this festival celebrates the First World War and the band could play music from this time. The date was agreed and the fee will be arranged by the band manager.

### **Other Business:**

- **Gareth Key** has been contacted by the Chairman with £50 and a thank you note from the band. The march Revival needs to be sent back to him though.

- **Steve Rogers** has accepted the musical Director position and a fee has been agreed.
- **A film crew** has asked to use the band room for makeup and dressing during filming of 'Far from the madding crowd'. They assured us that their things would be put away for the evenings when band rehearsals are. This was agreed and the gatekeeper would let them in.
- **The band** has been asked to play carols in the west end hall on the 15th December. This was agreed
- **The committee** agreed to invite the Youth band to the Christmas concert on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Natalie will contact Jim about this. Joe will contact Pete Shutler to see if he could compare the event.
- **Safeguarding:** Some parents of the Youth band have asked if there is a qualified first aider in the building when the Youth band are using it, and if CRB documentation has been received for people in contact with the Youth band.

#### **Action List:**

**Natalie:** Draft letter for youth band parents

**Joe:** Contact local summer events committee's for more jobs in the summer

**Joe:** Speak to the band about going to Estonia

**John:** Speak to Dave about Easter Brass break progress

**Joe:** speak to Sherborne Carnival group about leading the carnival.

**Joe:** Contact Western Gazette about open day.

**Joe:** Contact Shepton Mallet festival organisers with an agreed fee.

Send revival back to Gareth Key.

**Natalie:** Contact Jim about the Christmas concert. Contact Pete Shutler to compare the concert.

#### **Next Meeting:**

9<sup>th</sup> November