



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 29th May 2013

Present: Sean Beechey, Richard Frost, Andrea Beechey, Joe Miles, Alan Derrick, John Derrick, Natalie White

Apologies: Tracy Colohan

Matters Arising:

- **Thornford Fete:** The band have other commitments on that date so are unable to attend
- **Music Stands:** The band manager needs to receive funds to purchase new music stands.
- **Orchestra using band room:** Sherborne Community Orchestra were given an offer to use the band room, which they declined.
- **Castle Gardens:** A date for Castle Gardens summer event has been set.

Correspondence:

- A note of thanks has been received from Robert Sykes for playing at the wedding of his daughter.
- The committee has received confirmation of collecting permits for December this year and next year. We have also received confirmation of the Digby hall bookings for the Proms and Christmas concerts this year.
- The band has been asked to perform at a wedding on 28th September.

Treasurers Report:

Accounts are currently being audited.

The bandroom rent and insurance has come through.

Agenda:

Long Term Conductor: The musical Director has said that a good handover time would be after the Proms concert this year, therefore the committee agreed that the position will be advertised within the brass band community links, and on our website. The committee agreed that potential conductors will take a rehearsal and have an interview for the position. The position would also be

open to Dave Hayward who recently conducted a concert. A fee has been agreed and the committee need only to decide on wording for the advert.

Monday Night Conductor: The committee proposed and agreed that a short term Monday night conductor can be shared amongst the two players who currently step in. Though this needs to be discussed further and agreed with the individuals concerned.

Contest Secretary and Library positions: The current contest secretary will be standing down this year, it was agreed that this position will be made open to any band member at the AGM. The current contest secretary has said he is happy to help the new person in the role for as long as needed. The librarian has said he would need help with the library if conducting responsibilities become frequent over the next few months. The committee agreed to give support for the short term until a full time conductor is found.

Youth Band members coming to senior band: The committee identified that there is currently little interest amongst the Youth band to join the main band, to address this the committee agreed that more joint events are needed to increase contact with the band. The committee proposed to include the Youth band in their own slot in the Pagent Gardens this year, the Proms as per previous years, carol playing in the town and the Christmas concert this year. All of these events need to be discussed with the Youth band leader.

Beer band events in October: The beer band has been asked to play on 26th October in Milborne Port and for a Charity event during a weekend in October. The committee agreed to the 26th event and decided to offer the 12th October for the Charity event. The band manager will contact both parties.

Pagent Gardens Dates: Three dates were agreed for the band to play at Pagent Gardens this year; 23rd June, 7th July and 8th September has been agreed and will be added to the band diary and confirmed.

AGM: A date will be arranged once the accounts have been audited.

Other Business:

Easter Brass Break: Funding from the Lions Club for the Easter brass break is no longer as available as in previous years, therefore the committee suggested that the band perform a concert for the Lions club to help get the funding. This was agreed and a date in October or mid-November was suggested.

Action List:

Sean – provide £234 for 4Bars rest and music stand payment to Joe. (Cheque)

Sean – Look into organising a meeting with Paul and David and committee about EBB 2014.

Sean- Speak to the President about a collecting permit for 14th December 2013.

Sean – Respond to the wedding booking.

Joe – purchase stands and 4BarsRest subscription.

Joe- Speak to organisers of the October beer band dates

Richard- Confirm a date for Lions club concert

Next Meeting:

19th June 2013