



# Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013

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

**Apologies:** Alan Derrick

## **Matters Arising:**

- **Collecting permit for 14<sup>th</sup> December:** The band has secured a permit for this date.
- **Easter Brass Break:** £400 has been proposed for the Easter brass break from the Blackmore Vale Lions Club.
- **Potential concert for the Lions Club:** This is still to be arranged, we hope to do this for next year.
- **Youth band open day:** We hope to arrange another open day to recruit more new players.
- **Last Night of the Proms:** All tickets are out to be sold, and posters and adverts are out.

## **Correspondence:**

- A potential event for the beer band at Child Okeford has arisen, but no date has been put forward yet.
- A new player has expressed an interest in joining the band.
- The band has been booked for 12<sup>th</sup> October for memorial concert for Pete Wade.

## **Treasurers Report:**

Current finances are good.

## **Agenda:**

**Conductor:** The Chairman has tried to contact both Dave Hayward and Gareth Keys with little success so far. Steve Rogers is happy to take the band for the proms and to share conducting in the long term. The committee explored options to increase band rehearsal attendance to give a better band for a conductor. The committee discussed ideas of sharing the conductor responsibility; however these ideas need to be discussed with the people involved before any decision is made.

**Rehearsal Times:** The committee will emphasise rehearsal start times amongst the band, as spending time waiting for late comers means start time becomes later and later. The band manager will implement a way to find out who will not be at rehearsals for better planning.

**Youth Band members coming to senior band:** The Vice Chairman proposed that the band write to Youth band parents to make them aware that members of the Youth band can make the transition into the senior band when they are ready to. This would emphasise the opportunity that is available to the Youth band and not written as if it were an expectation. A letter would need drafting.

**Senior band personnel:** The band needs to fill some seats, it was suggested two adverts go out, one to ask for BB bass, trombones and solo cornet, the other to ask for percussion and euphonium players. We will put this on the website and make flyers to advertise for more players.

**Next Year's Engagements:** There was some discussion amongst the committee as to how many events are needed throughout the year to keep the band afloat and not to exhaust players commitments. The Vice Chairman proposed that committee members need to contact local event planners, for events throughout the summer to give the band more events. Ideas included: Vivary Park, Bath and Country fairs.

**Orchestra to use band room on 20<sup>th</sup> October:** It was agreed that the Orchestra could use the band room on this date, for the same fee as was discussed before; they would also be allowed use of tims and music stands.

**Easter Brass Break:** The Chairman and band manager had a meeting with Dave Bertie about this event. Currently it costs more to run than funds can be raised, ideas were explored to cut the costs and to advertise this event more thoroughly and in advance. The ensemble quintable are not available to do it next year.

**Yeovil Contest Invitation:** The band would wait to find out the area test piece before responding to the Yeovil contest invitation; we have to respond by 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Contest Secretary:** The band have received emails from the brass band register demanding the name of the contest secretary, and also stating that the band would have to pay £100 if we do not register within a certain time frame. It was clarified that we no longer need to be registered to the brass band register, but another company has taken over. The new registration cards are with the Chairman, and the committee agreed to share this responsibility.

#### **Other Business:**

#### **Action List:**

**Any committee member:** Draft a letter to Youth band parents to offer the opportunity of joining the senior band.

**All committee members:** Contact local event planners to give more jobs for the band in the summer.

**Sean:** Collect tenor horn from Robbie.

**Richard:** Arrange a date for Lions Club concert

**Natalie:** Speak to Jim about open day.

**Joe:** Add player vacancies to website and create flyers to advertise for players.

**Next Meeting:**

To be arranged