



Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 22rd July 2015

Present: Alan Derrick, John Derrick, Richard Frost, Ian Miles, Joe Miles, Natalie Miles, Kevin Long

Apologies: Sean Beechey, Andrea Beechey

Matters Arising:

Cllr Jon Andrews asked the band if we could take part in his daughter's wedding, no further word on this so the Vice Chairman will investigate further.

Correspondence:

Waitrose have asked if the band would be interested in playing outside their supermarket in Sherborne over the Christmas period, it was agreed to suggest playing for 30 minutes on Saturday 12th December, while the band are playing carols.

Beer band has been booked for 26th March for Dan Beechey's wedding.

A warning has come through from the Council that the Digby hall will be closed during 2016 for refurbishments. It was not specific of dates or time of year, this would affect our Proms concert and Christmas concert that year. It was proposed that we set a date for these concerts in January, approach the Council with these dates and potentially book the Memorial hall if the Digby hall will be closed.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer absent

Agenda:

The Chairman would like to welcome our new committee members: Ian Miles and Kevin Long

Milborne Port fete: The band has been asked to play at next year's Milborne Port fete for the 4th June 2016, The Vice Chairman to check the date does not clash with the cider march that year.

Old photocopier: We are of the understanding that there are no further payments going out for the old photocopier and we are able to recycle it.

Small gig PA system: Following the AGM it was suggested the band use a PA system for the musical director during concerts. The Vice Chairman has a small one the band can use however it needs a microphone, the committee agreed to purchase a microphone for use with this PA system.

Youth band integration: The youth band director has been trying to get interest up amongst the Youth band to join the main band, no more success yet. It was proposed by the Chairman following an earlier discussion with the Musical Directors of the senior band and the Youth band to have monthly senior band rehearsals on a Thursday night instead of a Friday. The committee agreed this proposition and agreed to start this in September to allow for joint rehearsal of the Proms concert music. A date of 17th of September was proposed and agreed and to continue monthly Thursday rehearsals on the third Thursday of the month. Senior band practice would have to start at 20:15 on these days to allow for the normal Youth band practice. The Chairman said we would review this at the end of the year. The Secretary was asked to contact band members and get their feedback.

Rehearsal start times: It was proposed to start practice at 20:00 whether all members are present or not, instead of a break there would be time for announcements at around 21:00. The secretary will reiterate start times to members and the committee will speak to the musical director.

Distribution of band manager role: Following the AGM it was decided to scrap the role of band manager and instead split the role into PR officer and band co-ordinator. The PR officer would deal with the press, advertising and the website and the co-ordinator would deal with communication with players and ensuring players are available for events. The Vice Chairman agreed to take the role of PR officer and our new member Kevin Long agreed to take the role of band co-ordinator.

Other Business:

Youth band: Many ideas for recruiting members of the Youth band were shared and the committee reflected on the recent open day, it was suggested that a good time of year to fit in with school is the autumn for a future open day. Ideas were shared about continuing the Youth band throughout the summer or holding workshops at the band room.

Keys: It was asked if a band member doing work for the librarian can have a key to the band room so he can continue the work he is doing. The committee agreed a key could be issued. The Chairman believes there are spare sets and said he will issue one for this band member.

Carpet cleaning: It has been suggested to get the band room carpet professionally cleaned to make it more pleasant for others using the bandroom. The committee agreed for this to happen. Alan Derrick agreed to investigate prices for professional cleaning.

Amnesty: There are currently many black music stands missing from the band room, due to recent jobs where people have taken their own stands it is believed there are many amongst band members' homes. The committee are to inform members to bring back any music stands they may have at home.

It was suggested that the band make an inventory of instruments which are given to each player.

The Chairman asked if we could be proactive on a recruitment drive for the senior band, he would like to use leaflets and posters in the local area as was partly done last year.

The committee went through the players absent for the next event at Pagent gardens and confirmed guest players that have been booked.

Next meeting: 26/08/15