



# Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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

**Apologies:** Alan Derrick

## **Matters Arising:**

Previous minutes approved by the Chairman.

The band have been booked to play carols outside Waitrose on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30 to follow our usual Cheap Street carol playing.

A key has been issued to a band member helping out the Librarian.

Carpet cleaning has been arranged for the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Band inventory is an on-going project that has been started by the Chairman receiving a previous inventory list.

## **Correspondence:**

Beer band has been booked for 10<sup>th</sup> October in Bradford Abbas.

Thornford Twinning association has expressed an interest in booking the beer band again.

Yeovil band have asked to use the band room for 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Treasurers Report:**

Currently healthy accounts, however the Youth band account is only breaking even, the Treasurer advised we keep this in mind for the future.

## **Agenda:**

Yamaha cornet: A member of the public has approached the band to sell a Yamaha cornet to us, the Chairman suggested he meet the individual, assess the cornet and potentially make an offer. The committee agreed to this.

Yeovil band use of band room: Following news they will lose their rehearsal space, Yeovil band have asked to use our space to store percussion and to rehearse. The committee has agreed to allow the storage of instruments and for Yeovil band to practice in our band room at a rate of £20 per rehearsal. It was pointed out that the band would need keys cut for their use as appropriate spares are not currently available, the committee agreed that we should ask the band how many sets they would need and that they would be expected to cover the cost for cutting these keys. It was also mentioned that to prevent confusion in percussion equipment, if the same drum kit could be shared between Yeovil band and the Youth band. The Secretary will write to the band outlining this offer.

Collecting permits 2016: The committee member responsible for getting Christmas collecting permits has confirmed we have the permits for the Saturday's in December and Christmas Eve 2016.

Information from Dorset Community Action: The Secretary met with a representative from Dorset Community Action who presented a summary of the meeting, which will be shared, to the committee via email. What came from the meeting was a few links to help recruit new members, information about education for committee members and the need for the band to create a safeguarding and equality and diversity policy. A parent from the Youth band has been approached already to be our safeguarding lead; the contest secretary has been dealing with this. The committee expressed a need to alter the current constitution, the contest secretary agreed to start looking at this.

#### **Other Business:**

The committee agreed that Keith Long be reimbursed for the jacket he lost in recent events.

The Treasurer will start to arrange for the new Chairman and the Secretary to be able to sign the band cheques.

Advertising for the Proms concert has started, tickets will be on sale from Saturday.

Ideas that were expressed for the next fundraising projects were: stitched banners for the senior band, new walking out jackets, new basses.

Brassbandbookings.co.uk contacted the Vice Chairman to see if we were interested in using their free service to help get bookings via online. The Vice Chairman said he would find out more information.

Players for the upcoming vehicle rally was discussed.

Next meeting: 23/09/15