

Minutes of meeting held on April 16th at 2.00 pm at Glenwhisk Cafe

1. **Present:** Sue Mc, Susan Mad, Sally, Deirdre, Kate and Cath
2. **Minutes of last meeting** approved and no matters arising that won't be covered by the agenda items.
3. **Forthcoming gigs:**
 - **Gatehouse** is sorted and transport is being investigated.
 - **Catstrand** still haven't responded but we are in the brochure so assume all is ok. Transport is sorted but still no driver. Confirmed the SFA grant of £500 guarantee against loss.
 - **Dunscore** confirmed at 1.00 pm. Agreed a donation of £50 towards the church's costs. They will provide refreshments for the choir afterwards.
 - **Moffat** confirmed and they would like numbers for pre gig refreshments.
 - **Theatre Royal** sorted.
 - **Moniaive** sorted. Discussion re choir providing refreshments. Agreed that passing plates among the audience doesn't work but maybe a buffet on tables at the back might. Needs further discussion.

 - **Transport** - need to clarify the numbers at next choir and find a driver - as choir for volunteers. **WHO IS FOLLOWING THIS UP AS DEIRDRE IS AWAY?**

 - **Publicity** - Jude's offer of help accepted with thanks. Will ask if she can print 100 A4 posters and 500 A5 flyers. **Action: Susan to follow up.**

** Subsequent to the meeting it was found that Jude is unable to do this so Susan is to take up an offer from Keith Buckley Shaw who can do the job for £75 in two days. Sue Grant to be asked to revise the poster to show all the gigs. **Action: Susan.**

- Kate will write the copy for 3 different programmes, send it to Pat for proof reading and pass to Jude to print. **Action: Kate.**

- We will not be expecting to do a spot at the Folk Festival this year.
- Galloway Agreement are being paid £200 per person per gig. Need to know how they want payment. **Action: Sally will contact Ruth.**

4. **Kilcreggan** is booked and a deposit needs paying. Agreed that £30 is a reasonable amount to pay for having a single room.

1. **Action: Cath will send bank details** to Sally for payment of deposit to Kilcreggan. Deposit for attendees of £50 to be paid before the end of term and the balance at the beginning of next term.
2. Workshop leader: taking into account the suggestions that have been made re workshops enquiries will be made starting with Sandra Kerr, Su Hart and Bongani. **Action: Kate.**

5. Constitution, terms of membership and MD's contract all approved. Age of children who can attend choir to be at the discretion of the MD. **Action: Susan to finalise.**

6. All officers happy with their job descriptions. Deirdre is now Assistant Publicity Officer and Assistant Treasurer.

7. Christmas concerts with Hugh MacMillan:

Proposed - Saturday December 21st at 4.00 pm Catstrand

Friday January 3rd evening Moffat

Saturday January 4th evening Moniaive

Saturday January 7th afternoon Loch Arthur

Saturday January 14th afternoon Dunscore

evening Thomas Tosh

Action: Sue Mac to contact venues and confirm.

8. A previous committee meeting decided that the Song Cycle CDs should no longer be available for sale. All costs have been met and they can be made available at The Hive, future concerts and to current choir members either free or for a small donation. **Action: Deidre will arrange.**

9. AOB.

1. Margaret's email - the charge for Dunscore and Moniaive is less because the expenses are less because there is no expensive venue to hire. These are regarded more as community events and are within the control of the choir. The money given to Dunscore is in fact a donation in lieu of venue hire rather than a benefit and was probably inaccurately recorded by the new secretary. The subject of fundraisers will be discussed at the review of choir activities in the Summer.
2. Euro elections on May 23rd mean that the Institute is not available and so the church is needed. **Action: Sue will make the booking.**
3. Financial statement provided by Sally.
4. Should we become a SCIO (a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)? **Action: Susan will do further research** and bring it to the Summer review meeting.
5. Future meetings to be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month as far as possible. The next ones will be on May 8th and June 12th at 2.00 in the Glenwhisk Cafe. The choir revue will be in July on a date yet to be arranged.
6. Another visit to the Italian Restaurant is proposed. **Action: Kate will try to book June 13th.**