

# Minutes of Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Aberdeen Concert Band

24th March 2017 - 6:15 pm

Northfield Church

**Attendees:** Eric Kidd, Raymond Penny, Frazer Stewart, Muriel Burnett, Karen Stewart, Victoria Park, and Louise Findlay

**Apologies:** None

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## Minutes of Last Meeting

[13<sup>th</sup> March 2017](#)

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### Matters arising

#### Treasurer

**Raymond** = The documents were filled in blue so weren't accepted by the bank. Currently he isn't able to receive statements.

All the correct paperwork has been sent. The timescale is 5 to 6 weeks from last week. Aileen is still Treasurer of the bank account in the meantime. Should be treasurer by Summer.

#### Italy Trip

There was continued agreement that a fundraising committee should be established (separate from the committee) for the trip to Italy though Frazer disagreed with this and thought the committee should handle it.

Further discussion on fundraising is documented later on.

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## Topics

### Purpose of Meeting

**Victoria** = There needs to be a purpose to committee meetings. Also, a list of instruments that are needed or not put on the website.

A cap on the number of members as we are getting full. This also helps prevent people that receive all our music and they don't come back. We should only let people take music home if they've paid their fees.

Our playing has improved so much that other aspects of the band like the committee should catch up. We should have a vice-chairman and look at changing the Constitution accordingly.

**Eric** = The Constitution that as a Community band we must welcome everyone. It's not so much the quantity of people but the balance of instruments. Also, Jim leaving the Chairman positions was a big loss.

We should have a committee meeting once every term at 6:15pm and have a separate night for the meeting before the AGM. We aim to get everything sorted by Summer.

**Raymond** = We don't have to accept everyone and don't let people borrow instruments until their fees have been paid. The treasurer should have a list of members and whether they have paid or not.

6:30pm would be a more suitable time for meetings.

### **Fundraising**

**Victoria** = Charge 50p for tea and biscuits and make sure it gets collected.

Can't believe we don't do concerts and sell tickets. We should do a Christmas one with mulled wine and minced pies.

**Eric** = Never been to a band that doesn't fundraise.

Midsocket Church will charge if we fundraise (£150 a night and their committee will do food and refreshment.)

We could do a golf outing as quite a few people in the band play golf and others can be caddies and have a barbecue afterwards.

Do more carol playing in small groups.

**Karen** = No one wants to come to the social events.

**Raymond** = Lots of nursing homes will let us play and will provide food.

**Muriel** = Social events are the only way for people to meet each other. I don't know people behind me.

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## **Any Other Business**

### **Rent**

**Muriel** = Rent doesn't come in time. Invoice goes in the start of every term. There are 2 copies (one to go to ASPC as they pay rent) and it went to the wrong church with Frank's home address.

### **OSCR**

**Raymond** = Hasn't been updated for 3-4 years. Do you need to have any professional qualifications to do so? Like accountancy. I have to do the last 4 years' accounts to become a fully compliant charity. We can claim for grants after that.

**Muriel** = No, qualifications are needed.

**Victoria** = We can claim for gift aid as well afterwards.

### **Section Leaders**

**Victoria** = We need section leaders. It's not up to the Librarian or Conductor to induct new people. Jim is the section leader for Trumpets.

**Muriel** = We should have section rehearsals. It's difficult to practise parts with lots of rests.

**Eric** = Switch Matthew out. When I started, I was going to have section lessons every 2 weeks. I could do the Brass section.

**Raymond** = If someone does Treasurer I'll do Chairman. New members have to be grade 3 equivalent.

**Karen** = Why are we paying Lynsey money to teach if she sometimes doesn't do that? People shouldn't be able to come in off the street to learn to play.

### **Time of Next Meeting**

Discuss Italy Fundraising and Band Fundraising. Review quantity of Christmas Carol books.

Add a list of concerts to the website (in a blog post.)

Next meeting is when we call it but will most likely be before the end of summer.