

# Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus

## Minutes of 82nd Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 8.30pm  
King Edward VII School  
97 members present

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Edwyn Anderton, Anita McKay, Pamela Leon, Christine Warren, Helen Eyre, John Spence, Pat Griffin, Helen Mathers, Melanie Mussman, Joanne Boreham, Sally Knight, Catherine Pumphrey, Angela Argenzio, Peter Jones, Rebecca Lambert, Kat Harkness.

2. Minutes of the AGM of 2017 were accepted as an accurate and true record of the 2017 AGM and signed by the chair. Proposed David Mortimer, seconded Bill Best.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

### 4. Update on the change from an Unincorporated Charity, (UC) to Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (CIO.)

Graham Dawson (Finance Officer) reported that the process is not yet complete as the Gift Aid information is not finalised. There are no issues about continuing to run both schemes.

### 5. Trustee Annual Report 2017 (previously circulated and now attached.)

Anne Adams (Administrator) explained the Trustees proposal that the Constitution be amended in 2 ways.

i) The Post of Transport Officer be included as part of the Trustee board.

ii) A new post, *Rehearsals and Events Officer*, be created thus taking these duties out of the remit of the Membership Officer.

## Appointment of Trustees

*The trustees of the CIO shall be the Chair, Administrator, Membership Officer, Librarian, Minutes Secretary, New Members' Officer, Marketing Officer, Social Events Officer, Rehearsals and Events Officer and Transport Officer, elected at the AGM and who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting, and such other members of the CIO who shall be elected to that office at the AGM.*

A vote was taken on the proposal to amend the constitution and the resolution was passed unanimously.

Anne Adams, (Administrator) reported that Paul Henstridge, (Chair,) has agreed to take on the Membership Officer's duties in the short term whilst a new candidate is sought and that James Oliver has agreed to take the new post of Rehearsals and Events Officer. Applause.

## 6. Trustee Annual Report 2018 (attached)

The Administrator drew the attention of the members to the table of ticket sales included in the report. She stressed the importance of a continuing effort to sell tickets if the chorus is to maintain its presence at the City Hall concerts.

The Finance Officer mentioned that the Finance Report was presented in the style required as a CIO and included a reserves policy. He reported that our finances are sound and recommended that subscriptions remain at the same level as last year.

A vote was taken to agree adoption of the Annual Report. Proposed Rachel Copley, seconded Jenny Swann. The vote was unanimously in favour.

## 7. Election of Officers and Members' Representatives to the committee

Having been proposed and seconded in accordance with procedure, the following Officers and Members' Representatives were elected unopposed.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Paul Henstridge	Paul Duffield	Els Pearse
Administrator	Anne Adams	Matthew Morgan	Graham Dawson
Finance	Graham Dawson	David Mortimer	Nigel Wright
Membership	Vacant		
New Members	Sally Turnbull	Els Pearse	James Oliver
Marketing & Publicity	Paul Bedwell	Donald Watts	Mike Reynolds
Librarian	Els Pearse	Pat Hall	Jane Shute
Social Events	Helen Kirk	Diane Dalby	Janet Bower
Education & Outreach	Georgina Hulse	Paul Henstridge	Janet Beddus
Minutes Sec.	Sue Pennington	Rachel Copley	Penny Webster
Rehearsals & Events	James Oliver	Sally Turnbull	Paul Henstridge
Transport	Paul Duffield	Roger Stead	Dick Williams

### Members' Representatives

(May serve no more than 3 consecutive years.)

Janet Hoyle and Rachel Mallaband are standing down as members' representatives.

Ben Stone was elected as a members' representative.

Proposed Matthew Morgan. Seconded Peter Miles.

There are 3 vacancies.

## 7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Richard Pike was thanked for his work and he agreed to continue. He was duly appointed as Independent Examiner with agreement from members.

## 8. Chairman's Remarks

Paul Henstridge thanked all trustees for their work during the year especially Anne and Graham, (applause.) He also thanked others, such as the voice reps and the website team, who contribute to the smooth running of the chorus. He thanked Janet Hoyle and Rachel

Mallaband who are stepping down as members' representatives. He mentioned that there are vacancies for additional members' representatives.

Paul paid tribute to John Spence who is stepping down after 9 years as Membership Officer.

Paul thanked our music professionals, Darius Battiwalla, Rachel Fright, Maggie MacDonald and Philip Collins who ensure that our standards remain high.

Paul stressed the importance of ensuring a splendid performance of the upcoming Bach B minor Mass on which we will be judged.

### 9. President's Remarks

Rachel Copley, (President,) thanked all the people who work for the chorus including chairman Paul Henstridge. She enumerated the concerts and events of which we have been a part over the past year and commented on the variety, the sometimes complicated logistics and the unfailingly high standards achieved.

She commented that singing together is a joyous activity.

There was appreciative applause from the floor.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.