

SURREY HEATH CHORAL CIO
Emergency Trustees Meeting
17 June 2021 12.00
On Zoom
MINUTES



Present

+ Keith Wigglesworth	Chairman	- Kate Brown	Treasurer
+ Colin Gunner	Secretary	+ Salma Sams	Trustee
+ Tim FitzGerald	Trustee	+ Matthew Sleaf	Trustee
+ Andrew Milligan	Trustee	- Debra Sheffield	Trustee
- Sylvia Law	Minutes secretary	+ Ed Bonner	Musical Director

Apologies for Absence

Kate and Debra sent their apologies

Reason for meeting

The June 14th 2021 Government announcement of a 4 week delay of the Stage 4 easing of the Covid-19 lockdown has had a direct impact on SHS plans for its July Concert. An emergency Committee meeting was therefore held to agree a forward plan of action.

Cancellation of Concert

It was agreed that because of the new extension of the current Covid-19 restrictions that will now continue until at least the 19th July, it is no longer possible for SHS to hold the Summer Concert on the 10th July, and hence we will need to continue rehearsals at best based on the 6 people singing rule. This will directly impact the requirement for the planned external Soloists involvement, and the use of High Cross Church facilities. The question was raised as to the need to still pay the soloists' fees, however, the revised plan discussed in this meeting (see below) to put back the Summer Concert until October 2021 should address this, as it is simply a change of date, not cancellation. The proposal reviewed was to bring the Autumn Concert forward to October and based it on the summer programme (Vivaldi), and make the Christmas concert more challenging and in two parts, remembering that this is scheduled to incorporate the Whole Notes Choir. The previous Autumn concert date of the 13th November will now be scheduled for the 16th October (ideal date, although it may have to be 23rd depending on High Cross availability).

Action: Keith to contact High Cross to cancel Concert room reservations for 10th July and check if 16th (first choice) or 23rd October would be possible for the Autumn Concert.

Action: Ed to contact Soloists to advise of the change of Vivaldi Concert date.

Possible continuation of Rehearsals

Ed confirmed that he should be OK for next Monday (21st June) if required, but cannot make the following week. The continuation of rehearsals for another 3 weeks was viewed as a positive and hence will be promoted.

Action: Keith will advise the Choir of this.

Provision of a replacement for Ed if rehearsals continue

Concern was raised that the 21st June may be too early for Ed to be free of his current self-isolation restrictions, based on current Government guidelines, and hence we should arrange for a replacement for Ed to cover next Monday's rehearsal as well as the following Monday's - 28th June.

Action: Keith will contact Karen Phillips to see if she is available and to thank her for her support on the 14th June.

Outdoor Alternative for now cancelled 10th July Concert

Salma suggested we should research the potential of an outdoor event in August, such as in Frimley Lodge Park, although the Gloria currently being rehearsed would probably not be suitable. Ed asked if there were any pieces that the Choir could do with limited practice. A date of the 3rd week in August (Saturday or Sunday) was suggested as a possibility for this. This could be a free event, as it is outdoors in an open space and difficult to manage if a charge was involved.

Action: Committee Members should all explore this idea and come up with suggestions for both the location and music for this. At a minimum we will need access to power and a cover from the elements for the various electronics.

Return of Music

The current music is scheduled to be returned immediately after the Summer Concert but we will now like to keep it until the Autumn.

Action: Keith to check with Sylvia re availability of Vivaldi Music etc until October

Other related issues

The 4th September Come and Sing was raised as another area that needs firming up. Keith asked the Committee for more detailed input on this. The Karl Jenkins Mass for Peace was currently being scheduled for this event.

Action: All to give suggestions to Keith

The need to promote our new activities and revised Concerts is seen as vital. This can be translated as being a need for making use of our SHS Social Media accounts, namely SHS Facebook and Twitter. These have both been neglected during the Pandemic. As Facebook was previously being managed by Catherine Beer who has now left the Choir, we need to contact her to obtain details of logins etc. and identify an individual who could manage Facebook activities from now on. Colin said he would focus on Twitter as he had dealt with this in the past, but this must be coordinated with Facebook promotions to ensure a common message.

Action: Tim will make contact with Catherine on Facebook details.

Date of next Committee meeting

Keith advised that this will be agreed via a round robin communication.