

Bradford Music Club AGM Minutes

6.30pm 15th November 2020

1. Present and Apologies

Ann Perry, Ian Baxter, Vikki Hoodless, Don Edbury, Aisha Walker, Pete Lambert, Richard White

Apologies – Mike Nicholas

2. Acceptance of 2019 Minutes

Minutes accepted as correct record of last year's meeting

3. Chair's report

This has been a strange but exciting year. Concerts were held in the Quaker Meeting house, as usual from November to February, before Covid 19 changed our lives completely.

Now the Meeting House is closed, and we have moved onto Zoom. We have continued to hold special concerts each month due to the support and expertise we have had from Vikki Hoodless our Secretary. We could not have done it without her. Special thanks go to Richard White and Ian Baxter who were always ready to step in

It has been learning experience for us all. Vicki Hoodless has played an essential part in enabling us all to take this step. It has included logging on, starting video, sorting the lighting or learning to compere and perform in our own houses. Some of us learned to record backing tracks to accompany ourselves and more

Regular performers have included Pete Lambert outside with his bagpipes, Alyson playing violin and Richard White singing popular with his sister on guitar. Ian Baxter and I sang a vocal duet and a piano duet. Jane Sanderson played the harp. whilst Richard White played ukulele and guitar. This went onto Facebook as an advertisement

An advantage of Zoom has been the ability of people as visitors to join us from different places These have included people have joined us as visitors from Sheffield, Edinburgh Runcorn Manchester, South Africa and the Outer Hebrides where my son lived for 6 months A particular highlight for me was the evening when 4 of my grandchildren performed in one evening.

We still have new people coming forward to perform. to augment the regulars who can always be depended upon to add to the collection of performers. Several people have said that watching the concerts has kept them going generally.

It has also excluded some people who find the technology alienating. We have also been missing some people who find Zoom impossible and miss the company or equipment. The contact now on Zoom may enable them to come back eventually

I know that I miss the social environment of people sitting there and their body language to inform my performance. No one knows what the future holds. Maybe we will be back to the Quaker Meeting House in the spring now that a vaccine is becoming possible.

Our intention is always to support those who want to perform. Please come forward to support us or even join our small committee. Everyone has something to contribute. Thank you to everyone. We have evolved further than we thought possible And apologies to everyone that I have missed.

RW – online concerts have been appreciated by lots of people, and has kept lots of people going during the lockdown. PL wanted to echo this and gave his thanks – the concerts are good motivation to practice. The club is thriving.

4. Election of Officers

Chair – Ann

Secretary – Vikki

Treasurer – Vikki

Committee – Pete and Richard to maybe join committee

5. Future Planning

Concerts will be online for the foreseeable future.

6. Treasurer's Report

Balance at 31.7.19	Bank	381.75	
	Cash	31.95	
	Total	413.70	413.70
	Collections		386.59
	Total income		800.29
Outgoings	Rent	360	
	Making music fee	79	

	Insurance	43	
	Donation	25	
	Total		507
Balance at 31.7.20	Bank	261.34	
	Cash	31.95	
	Total		293.29
			800.29

I have continued to pay the rent as a goodwill gesture to the Quakers but will now cease to do so as we can no longer afford it. They are quite happy about this.

7. Any other business

When we get back to the meeting house, maybe we should still hold occasional online meetings

8. Date of next meeting
21st November 2021