

# BRADFORD MUSIC CLUB

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the

Bradford Music Club on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016

Held at the Quaker Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon LS19 6HU

**Present:** Ann Perry, Don Edbury, Lara Bradban, Ryan McGovern, Shaun Radcliffe, Steve Driffield, Ian Baxter, Jean Evans, Alyson Evans, Julie Partis, Maggie Hannan, John Stidworthy, Sue Stidworhty, Krystina Gale, Susan Corbridge, Michael Firth, Martin Heaton, Joy Leach, Michael Nicholas, Katharine Nicholas.

1. **Apologies:** Aisha Walker, Kathleen Illingworth, Janis Mather, Julia Radcliffe
2. **Minutes of the last AGM (2015):** Copies of the minutes had been circulated. The minutes were proposed by Don Edbury, seconded by Shaun Radcliffe and agreed as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Annual Report:** Joy Leach presented the Annual Report.
  - i) BMC has had a very good year in terms of concert performers with many both new and returning performers.
  - ii) Only one concert was missed, in January 2015, due to heavy snowfall. Members responded very well in passing the message around about the cancellation, including a message on the website.
  - iii) Joy thanked Mike and Kate Nicholas, for assisting in the arranging the programmes and Kate taking on the temporary role as club secretary.
  - iv) Mike organised the purchase of the duet stool.
  - v) There had been a number of innovations during the year including music quizzes, the introduction of new styles of music, 'Roll Back the Carpet' (Appalation dancers), many new performers and young performers. Also previous performers came along in new groupings.
  - vi) Young performers included Sarah, Ruby and Jessica.
  - vii) Isabel Arnold, who has previously performed regularly as a flutist, made her debut as a cellist.
  - viii) Steve Driffield, who regularly played the piano on a casual basis whilst people were arriving, made his debut as a performing pianist.
  - ix) Ian Baxter and Mike Nicholas were thanked for regularly accompanying many of the performers.
  - x) A new leaflet, designed by Creative Spread, was produced and is now being used to advertise the club. Members were urged to take copies and hand them out wherever possible.
  - xi) One aspect of the club that needs addressing is the fact that audience numbers are a bit down, inspite of the fact that there are increased numbers and varied styles of performers. The club needs to spread the message about the existence of the club and opportunities it offers.
  - xii) It was suggested that each performer takes some responsibility to bring a friend or family member when they perform.
  - xiii) Joy concluded the report by thanking everyone involved, the performers, the volunteers doing refreshments, Don for keeping the books and opening up, Shaun for printing the programmes, Aisha for maintaining the website and not lease Ann for continuing to be

chairman, in spite of her ill health, for hosting the committee meetings at her house and her continued support and enthusiasm.

- xiv) Ann responded by thanking everyone for their personal support during her illness and for their continued support of the Bradford Music Club.

**5. Finances:** Don Edbury presented the financial support and handed round copies.

i) Balance at the bank at 31.7.15	806.64
Income from collections	<u>535.82</u>
	1,342.46
Expenditure	<u>701.48</u>
Balance 31.7.16	<u>640.98</u>
Balance at bank 31.7.16	595.63
Cash held	<u>45.35</u>
	640.98

- ii) It was noted that the income had come from nine meetings.  
iii) The expenditure included rent, insurance, subscription to 'Making Music', duet piano stool, the leaflets and other minor expenses.  
iv) There were no queries regarding the accounts and Joy thanked Don.

**6. Election of Officers**

- i) Chairman: Ann Perry. Proposed by Joy. Seconded by Alyson. Carried.  
Treasurer: Don Edbury Proposed by Shaun, Seconded by Steve.  
Secretary: Kate is to stand down and the post is vacant. Joy outlined the role of the secretary. There were no nominations. It was agreed that the committee members would share the tasks for the present.  
Committee Members as follows:-  
Refreshments: Julie Partis  
Website: Aisha Walker  
Programming: Mike Nicholas.  
Co-opted Member: Joy Leach
- ii) Kathleen Illingworth attends the committee meetings regularly to give assistance. Other members are welcome to attend the meetings and it was agreed that the dates of the committee meetings would be circulated to members.
- iii) It was noted that the next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Ann Perry's house.

**7. Any Other Business**

- i) Don Edbury advised that the meeting rooms are undergoing refurbishment. The meeting room itself had a new carpet fitted, new lighting and there are to be some new chairs. The School where refreshments are served is to be refurbished in January/February 2017. The toilets will still be available but a new kitchen will be installed. Refreshments will be served in the main building on a temporary basis.
- ii) Joy Leach mentioned an initiative to help promote the club. She had approached Bradford Council regarding the Bradford Festival to see if we could have a 'Street Piano' with our pianists encouraging the general public to play, as takes place in many cities, including Leeds. More details will follow.
- iii) Ann Perry concluded the meeting by thanking Joy and the committee for their support and hard work