

## WCCC Virtual Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April at 1930 - Minutes

### Present:

**Present:** Judith Aldridge (JA), Carole Oliver (CO), Kevern Oliver (KO), Rebecca Jones (RJ), Sarah Donaldson (SD), Phil Crowther (PC), Mark Wilson (MW), Robin Walker (RW), Richard Holroyd (RH), Stephen Shellard (SS)  
Michael Brierley (MB) attended first 10"

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| 1      | <b>Welcome and apologies</b><br><b>Apologies:</b> Anne Renshaw (AR), Eileen Roberts (ER), Sue Standford (SSt)   |  |
| 2      | <b>Minutes of meeting on 27/02/21 and Matters Arising</b><br>Minutes unanimously agreed<br><br><b>270221- 4.2</b> Lichfield Wedding. Names of those available to sing <i>trickling in</i> . Numbers not yet sufficient to form choir. KO will remind members again..  | KO   |
| 3      | <b>Financial Report</b><br><b>3.1</b> RJ's/CO's report and 20/21 accounts reviewed and accepted. Unanimous approval and agreement that the accounts for 19/20 and 20/21 should be independently examined in time for presentation at the next AGM, which was likely to be in June 21.<br><br><b>3.2</b> KO has been in touch with Cathy Sloan (Cathedral's Fundraising Manager). WCCC members need to need to complete new Gift Aid forms and will be added to the Cathedral's CRM database. Liaison ongoing.   | RJ, CO, KO<br><br>KO                           |
| 4      | <b>Return to Singing</b><br><b>What Next?</b><br>ER's report on current Covid-19 situation and recommendations for a return to rehearsals were unanimously accepted and the following way forward, assuming that there were no changes in the current pathway out of lockdown, unanimously agreed.<br>Rehearsals will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>start on 20/05/21 and continue every Thursday, except 03/06/21 (half term) until 21/07/21</li> <li>be in College Hall, using similar sanitising and distancing arrangements to those used in November/December 20</li> <li>last 75 minutes</li> </ul> n.b. College Hall may not be available on 26/06 and 08/07. If this is the case an alternative venue will be arranged. KO will liaise with SH. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KO will inform members of decision to restart rehearsals on 20/05/21</li> <li>ER will update risk assessment and new instructions will be distributed to members in the week prior to 20/05/21</li> <li>HR and CO will help with venue procedures and organisation</li> </ul> Discussion of points raised by ER in her report lead to the unanimous conclusion that the WCCC's priority, after a lengthy period of disruption, was consolidation through a non-ambitious programme for the autumn of 21 and adjustment to the <i>new normal</i> . Social distancing etc. is likely to be the norm for some time. Venues such as Kempsey may well be non-viable for the foreseeable future.<br><br>KO agreed to produce a chart of likely activities for 21/22 for distribution to members | KO<br><br>KO<br>ER, KO<br>HR, CO<br><br><br>KO |

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| 5 | <p><b>Being an Integral part of the Cathedral Community</b></p> <p>General agreement that changes to the Cathedral's music department were excitingly good news for all. In particular SS suggested that once the Youth Choir is up and running from 09/21 the WCCC should explore how it could collaborate with it.</p>  | SS, KO   |
| 6 | <p><b>Looking to the future</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Finances</b></p> <p>Unanimous agreement that the way forward as far as fund-raising is concerned is to seek help from and work with Cathy Sloan who looks forward to meeting up the WCCC in due course. KO will continue to liaise.</p> <p><b>6.2</b></p> <p>General agreement that the ideas put forward by ARn were excellent i.e. A <i>Worcester Christmas</i> recording., WCCC wine and cheese event, <i>David and Goliath</i> project, combined cathedral choirs' concerts.</p> <p>David and Goliath is an obvious candidate for collaboration with the new Voluntary Choir. However the extent and pace at which we tackled any of the above should be dictated by the need to consolidate and take into account the <i>new normal</i>.</p> <p>KO suggested that alongside the existing annual plan there was a need for a more systematic approach to the planning and staging of major events/projects. There was general agreement that this was a good idea. KO agreed to put together a simple template for WCCC's use. It will be included in the briefing paper for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>6.3</b></p> <p><b>Christmas 21- Nine Lessons and Carols</b></p> <p>12/12/21 and 18/12/21 will be offered to Sedgley and Kempsey respectively with warnings about the likely impact of ongoing Covid restrictions. CO will contact both.</p> <p>MB confirmed that Cathedral date will be either 17/12/21 or 20/12/21<br/>n.b. the WCCC has a lunchtime wedding commitment on 20/12/21<br/>He also asked that the WCCC sings the Eucharist on morning of 19/12/21. The date will be added to the choir's diary.</p> <p><b>6.4</b></p> <p><b>Patronage</b></p> <p>Based on ARn's briefing notes the majority concluded that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>this was a good, beneficial idea</li> <li>now, as we emerged from lockdown could well be a good time to seek out a patron/s</li> <li>before proceeding further there is a need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for further discussion, with ARn present, on benefits, type and role of patron etc.</li> <li>to check with the Cathedral that patronage of the WCCC was appropriate and compatible with its policies and procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>KO will brief ARn and MB on the above and ensure that patronage is on the agenda of the next committee meeting. (See note below)</p> | <p>KO, ARn</p> <p>KO</p> <p>CO</p> <p>SS, KO</p> <p>KO</p> <p>KO</p> |
|   | <p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>22/05/21 at 1100. MW will host</p>  | MW, KO   |

Post the meeting KO spoke to MB (19/04/21) and ARn (20/04/21) about patronage

- MB commented that patronage was not something which the Cathedral used and that if the WCCC wished to pursue the idea it would need to get Chapter's approval. He asked for a briefing note so that he could take the idea forward to Chapter.
- KO and ARn agreed that the idea of patronage would be revisited at the Committee meeting on 22/05/21. If there was agreement that it should be pursued, ARn will prepare a briefing note for MB and Chapter.