

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Liz Mackie, Chairman, welcomed choir members to the meeting. Apologies were received from: Chris Nicholls, Penny McKee, Andrew Facherty, Helen Talbot and Marjorie Hope.

**2. Minutes of AGM 2016**

Alison Kennedy, Secretary, informed the meeting that AGM minutes are published on the choir website.

**3. Chairman's Annual Report**

Liz began by recalling the 2016/17 concert programmes; the Christmas concert included Britten's Ceremony of Carols and the Spring concert featured Dvorak's Mass in D. The pieces, while varied and challenging, had all been enjoyed.

She thanked the choir and the hard-working committee, especially Audrey Dobson, Librarian, to whom on behalf of the choir she extended condolences on the loss of Alan, her husband and a founder member of the choir. Alison's efficiency as Secretary was recognised as were David Turner's skills as Conductor, remarkably well able to stay positive at all times during rehearsals. Libby Campbell's work as Treasurer was appreciated, and Morag McIntyre was thanked for all she had done to give our concerts wider publicity.

As regards choir membership, Liz informed the meeting that while we had been losing sopranos, there had been a healthy influx of new and returning singers this term. However, we are still in need of male singers. Liz encouraged choir members to play their part in recruiting new singers and in attracting good audiences at concerts.

In conclusion, Liz mentioned that her time in the chair had been enjoyable. She had tried to foster a feeling of community within the choir, which to her was important. She wished her successor all the best for a happy time in office.

On behalf of the choir Libby thanked Liz for her hard work and achievements as chairman and presented her with a gift voucher.

**4. Receipt and Payment Accounts for year ending 31 July 2017: Treasurer's Remarks**

Libby Campbell, Treasurer, invited the members to look at the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2017, as displayed on the whiteboard. She thought they might be self explanatory but was happy to take questions. There were none.

She explained that the reduced income from subscriptions as compared with the previous year was due to there being fewer members, and that the collections were fairly average for recent years, but lower than in 2015/16 when there had been a popular musicals concert. The cost of music that year was reduced because, although many people purchased their own copies of the musicals scores in 2016, the choir had had to buy some copies that year.

Nigel Fairhead, bass, was thanked for checking the accounts. They showed an excess of receipts over payments for the year of £850, resulting in a bank balance at 31 July 2017 of £3,946.

**5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

Liz apart, there were no other demissions. Liz advised the meeting of one nomination as chairman: Ronnie Seiler, bass. Ronnie was unanimously elected chairman.

**6. AOCB**

There was none.

Alison Kennedy  
26 October 2017

Addendum

*I would like to thank the choir very much for the gift voucher which is much appreciated.*

*I have enjoyed my time in the chair and wish Ronnie good luck. Best wishes, Liz*