

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 19th February 2007 7pm

At The Sinfonia Centre, Jesmond Vale, Sandyford



Mick Curran volunteered to Chair the meeting

Apologies: Kate Beasley, Darroch Hall, Finn McMorrán, Joan Wardle, Joanna Newcombe, Bernard Keavney

Present: Lorna Moore, Ben Blatherwick, Chris Maines, Alex Tustin, Mick Curran, Paul White, Erica Halliday, Amanda, Anne Flood, Janet Overton

Chairpersons Report:

This was read out please see attached doc.

Mick read out the minutes of the last AGM 6th March 2006 these were agreed

Discussed matters arising from these minutes. Mick stated that there were undercurrents at the last AGM to make fundamental changes to the group organisation. Mick stated that the organisation as it was, was run was fine and should be kept that way, however there was a proposal to run the group without the tutors, because of a lack of funding.

Chris stated that he felt that this was no longer relevant, and that the mood of the group was much more positive. We hope that we will be able to carry the group on as it has been running. It was then decided to move on to the annual accounts.

Treasurers Report and presentation of Annual Accounts:

Joan Wardle has handed in her resignation as Treasurer and has passed on the accounts to Chris who has finalised the accounts these have been presented to 3 members of the committee: Paul White, Lorna Moore and Ben Blatherwick and signed approved.

The accounts were then read out by Chris please see attached doc.

The instruments purchased from Knock on Wood are due to arrive on 20th February 2007

Election of New Committee Members:

Lorna has been nominated secretary, Ema nominated Ben treasurer

Chris quoted from the constitution that we can have 12 members 9 full members and 3 co opted members. Min number for the committee is 3.

Everyone around the table was prepared to serve on the committee.

Chris stated that there had to be 2 meetings per year and that perhaps we should structure the organisation more. Chris suggested that we have quarterly meetings with a view to better planning and funding applications and to review accounts more regularly, so that we can look at how things are running and keep on top of things. Amanda queried the responsibilities of being a committee member.

Mick stated that the committee was /should be a management group and that meetings should not be held while the drumming is on in an ad hoc fashion.

Chris stated that the committee was a good way for people for all groups to meet together a way of everyone finding out what is going on.

Nominations for officers:

Treasurer : Ben Blatherwick (Nominated by Ema, Seconded by Janet, all agreed)

Secretary : Lorna Moore (nominated by Ema and seconded by Anne, all agreed)

Fundraising and grant applications update:

Discussion took place re the chair person at present and whether Joanne wished to continue to be chair and to keep the momentum of the fundraising and new ideas going through the committee

Nominations for a chair person:

Paul White (nominated by Lorna and Ben seconded)

Mick handed over the minutes and Paul took over chairing the meeting at that point.

Fundraising and Grant applications:

Lorna is working on the NRF funding applications.

Kate Sumpter is working on Northern Rock Foundation application.

The arts award should be complete within 6 weeks and that should keep things running for a length of time. Giles Carey states that Streetbeaters is a citywide group and that the group is open people from all areas of the city. Northern Rock Foundation is a similar fund we need funding to pay the tutors for their time used to promote the group. Assemblies are booked at Heaton Manor ,Hotspur and St Catherine's schools.

Joyce is to look at applications to Ward committee for funding

Any other business:

Chris suggested that the group needed to meet in the summer in order to get the gigs which are available around that time. Also at Christmas when the winter festivals are on.

Busks were brought up by Mick as being a problem. He feels that the group don't want to be a performance focused band as it was felt that this was too much for people. The general feeling was that busks were good and necessary, and we would need to have to a few more gigs but not too many.

Paul arranged a date for another meeting

Kit arriving 12.30 tomorrow - volunteers needed to unpack and tune.

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