

ILKLEY CONCERT CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Convened remotely using Zoom
Wednesday 11 November 2020

Present: Chris Skidmore (Chair), David Halpin (Honorary Secretary) and 20 members of Ilkley Concert Club.

1. **Apologies for absence:** David Pyett.
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 November 2019** were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Josephine Wesley, seconded by David Wharmby, and agreed unanimously.
3. **Matters arising:** Item 9: The Chair informed the meeting that enquiries had been made about increasing the height of the performers' platform; that it was confirmed it would be possible to do this; and that agreement had been reached with the KH staff to experiment with this measure as soon as concerts resumed.
4. **Honorary Secretary's Report:** This was tabled.
5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report:** The Report confirmed that the Club's finances remain on a sound footing. The Honorary Treasurer drew the meeting's attention to the fact that IT expenses during the past year are more than in previous years, explaining that this increase was due to additional costs incurred in hosting and improving the club's website and data base and introducing a new on-line payments system.
6. **Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for the year ending 31 May 2020:** The report reminded members of the objectives of the Club "to educate the public in the art and science of music", confirming these had been achieved with a full house of 476 Patron subscribers and the presentation of six of the eight concerts planned for the year, two being cancelled because of the lockdown associated with the coronavirus pandemic. There were three full meetings of the committee, and sub-committees met as appropriate. There was close involvement with *Making Music* (The National Federation of Music Societies) and with staff of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

The adoption of the Club's Annual Report in its entirety was proposed by Lyndsey Wharmby, seconded by Sarah Warnes, and agreed unanimously.

7. Nominations for the Committee:

- a. **Election of Officers:** David Halpin to be re-elected as Honorary Secretary; and Donald Williams to be re-elected as Treasurer. Proposed by Josephine Wesley, seconded by David Bridgewater, and agreed unanimously.
- b. **Retiring Members willing to stand for re-election:** Tony Hudson, Chris Skidmore & Jennie Rundle. Proposed by Pam Harris, seconded by Richard Rundle, and agreed unanimously.

8. Chair's Remarks:

The Chair thanked the many volunteers who continue to support the Club, enabling it to publicise and present such outstanding concerts. Planning for next season's concerts is almost complete. Special thanks were offered to Paul and Irene Fowler for the help they have jointly given to artists hospitality, a role from which they have resigned following their decision to relocate shortly to Somerset. Paul Fowler's resignation means that there exists a vacancy on the club's committee.

9. Member's business:

- (i) An appreciative acknowledgement of the voluntary work undertaken by the Committee during lockdown was offered by David Wharmby.
- (ii) Caroline Moseley drew the meeting's attention to the need in future newsletters to members to clarify that Help the Musicians UK and the Musicians Benevolent Fund are the same organization.

10. Close of AGM: The meeting ended at 7.21 pm.