



**Committee Meeting Minutes: Tuesday 17th February, 8pm
Meeting Room South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall**

Time	Present: IL, RS, PW, CG, LM, JTW	Action
8-00	1. Apologies for absence: KM, HP	
8-02	2. Minutes of previous meeting were approved	
8-05	3. Actions : RS and JTW updated the committee on Museum of Power possible events in the coming year. RS had had discussions with the site manager and JTW and LM had also met people involved in staging possible events. There are two possibilities, one this summer is a sing out on the open air stage at a major event. The other is as part of an indoor concert next year. JTW and possibly LM are attending a meeting on March 5th to find out more. IL has provided a list of members / numbers for 100 club to PW for circulation JTW has arranged for 500 A5 leaflets to be printed by or sponsor, no update on A4 copies of promotion leaflet. Sponsor back from holiday this week. JTW to adapt photo from leaflet for screen in village hall, in progress JTW will investigate the issue with the attendance records on website We discussed the shirt ordering form designed by HP, there was a lack of clarity. PW agreed to do an experimental order to check if any changes needed.	JTW/ LM PW JTW JTW JTW PW
8-20	4. AGM set for 8pm Monday 23rd March, no rehearsal that night.	
8-22	5. Review of Constitution - during the meeting the feeling was no changes would be needed. However in a post meeting discussion it was agreed some changes were necessary, notably to the quorum for committee meeting. Everyone to read the constitution and PW to send around proposed changes before next meeting	ALL PW

8-25	6 Concerts Plan for next concert: all aspects including choir promotion <i>March 21st Burnham on Crouch, start time 7-30</i> <i>April 17th Chelmsford Cathedral 12 midday</i> <i>April, 24th Joint concert with Chelmsford MVC, Salvation Army Hall, ticket link has been shared.</i> <i>May, No concerts planned, JTW away</i> <i>June 6th, Sing Out High Chelmer 2pm, Farleigh Hospice</i> <i>June 13th Choirblast, in Godalming. It was agreed to go with South East Coaches from Wickford, £990, £100 deposit, CG to book and invoice to be sent to RS. There was discussion about cost of coach, entrance fee and drivers tip. It was agreed charging £40 per person for the coach would cover all these costs. RS to investigate if he can easily open a separate account with our bank to act as place for monies to be paid into. JTW will claim a normal concert fee for the day and will get free travel on the coach.</i> <i>June ?26th Hurdlemakers Arms Beer Festival, IL to confirm</i> <i>July 11th Laindon Community Centre - HP to inform committee of details</i> <i>August ?Museum of Power , see earlier in minutes</i> <i>September 25th Billericay Theatre</i> <i>October 2nd SWF Beer Festival</i> <i>October Blackmore Church Harvest Festival, date / invite uncertain</i> <i>November/December Possible free concert at SWF VH JTW to consult Clare re possible dates</i> <i>December 19th Lennox Christmas Concert, Chelmsford Cathedral. WhatsApp poll suggested a good level of support, we have now been formally invited and told there may be two concerts on the same day.</i> <i>JTW to report on possible sing outs at John Lewis (JTW has made contact no reply yet) and for Lennox Children's Cancer charity(No contact yet, JTW to give contact details to LM to follow up)</i> JTW informed us of the possibility of a sing out for Haven Children's Hospice in the circular area in Bond Street during the "Chelmsford Takeover" on April 11th. There was some concern expressed that this would mean a fourth sing out when we had agreed three. It could replace the JohnLewis or Lennox sing out. <i>2027 plans</i> <i>12th March Lunchtime concert, St.John's Danbury</i> <i>Joint Concert with New City Voices, ?date LM to take forward</i>	CG RS RS IL HP JTW JTW JTW / LM JTW LM
8-35	7. Music Report JTW reported that he is pleased with the improving quality of the singing in rehearsals and that Anthem and Don't let the Sun go down on me are both progressing well.	

8-45	8 Financial Update. • Report circulated by RS • RS proposed a new monthly subscription level for 2026 of £36, an increase of £1 (2.8%, which is less than inflation) • There was discussion about the remuneration given to the MD and accompanist, JTW left the room. It was agreed to increase the rehearsals fee by £5 for both, the concert fee for MD to £200 and the accompanist fee for concert to £115. • It was also agreed that we would no longer have a rehearsal if neither JTW or Clare are unavailable. This was as the costs were still significant when less members bother attending. • All these decisions to go to AGM for ratification.	
8-55	7. Actions for Recruitment Joint concerts with schools for discussion, no reply from Eversley Primary to email from PW. No further discussion at this meeting	
9-00	8. Website JTW said he will investigate the issues with the attendance records and will get Sean access to the website.	JTW
9-10	9. Social Media and Publicity Chloe's attended last two Monday rehearsals and has been posting on social media.	
9-20	10. Social Possible Annual Dinner with wives. HP informed PW this was now probably to happen in summer Date for pool evening March 18th Boat trip from Paper Mill Lock ?June BBQ August 1st agreed after poll of members. PW to book caterer Race night in village hall in 2026, JTW to speak to Stephen Thrumble about this CG has had discussions with the Maldon Ghost Walk man and he will do a private walk on almost any day. PW to do a poll to choose a preferred date, on a Tuesday or Wednesday in March.	HP PW JTW PW
9-40	11. Membership LM reported we have 2 less members than this time last year.	
9-50	12. AOB Meeting closed at 9-58	
	13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th March, 2026	

