**MINUTES**

**Unity in Sound Community Choir**

**Date: Wednesday 26th August 2020 at Midday Location: Shelagh’s - Torbryan**

**Present: Jax, Claire, Leah, Jane, Lesley, Sheena, Shelagh (Naomi on phone)**

**Apologies: Sue, Wendy**

**Summary of meeting to discuss COVID 19 actions for Choir going forward**

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| **LATEST GUIDANCE FROM GOVERNMENT**  Research has been published showing that after a break of nearly 6 months choirs are again permitted to sing together, gathering in groups of up to 80 members in a well-ventilated room whilst self-distancing 2m apart.  It has been proven that controlled singing is not a super-spreader of the COVID 19 virus as initially thought and as long as volume is kept under control there is no danger of catching the virus.  There is a video on the “Making Music” website from the CEO Barbara Elfler explaining all aspects of choir resumption which members will be invited to watch. | **Leah** |
| **THE WAY FORWARD**  The entire choir can meet if a large enough venue can be secured and the venue’s Risk Assessment document is approved.  Personal safety measures must be adhered to at all times – this includes repetitive hand washing, taking temperatures on entry to the venue to ensure no underlying illness is lurking - any person with a raised temperature will be refused entry to the venue. All personal equipment such as music sheets, handbags etc must be kept to a minimum. Visors must be sanitised. Clothes should be washed or remain unused for 72 hours after leaving the venue. Individuals to bring own water bottles and camping chair. |  |
| **RISK ASSESSMENT**  A comprehensive risk assessment document will be distributed to choir members to read, understand and sign prior to recommencing attendance at rehearsals. This document will be constantly reviewed as the situation progresses.  Together |  |
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