**MINUTES**

**Unity in Sound Community Choir**

**Date: Monday 1st March2021 at 19.30pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**Present: Jax, Beth, Claire, Jane, Kathy, Leah, Lesley, Sheena, Shelagh, Wendy.**

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| 1. **Apologies: Sue** |  |
| 1. **Previous Minutes: Signed in absentia** | **Jax** |
| 1. **Matters Arising:**   Subscriptions – previous outstanding matters have been addressed. | **Jax** |
| 1. **Moving Forward**   Discussion lead by Leah assessing the current lockdown situation and the way forward.  The DCMS & the Making Music guidance states that unless we are a professional outfit we cannot currently resume activities. The earliest we can regather as a choir in a church is possibly 17th May (Government guidance).  However, when we receive the go-ahead, we are ready with all rules and regulations in place.  Zoom Sectional rehearsals will possibly resume in March, after communication via WhatsApp and email has shown whether Members wish to participate -  concentrating on “feel good” songs which are easy to re-learn.  Leah will send a video message to promote enthusiasm followed by Jax ‘s email asking for commitment. |  |
| 1. **Publicity**   Once we receive the go-ahead to resume from Government, we will need to be proactive with recruitment and make sure that our activities are in the fore-front of people’s minds. We will need to produce publicity via press, advertising, social media, Spotted Ipplepen and other mediums as we wish to regain numbers lost due to lockdown.  Beth proposed that we attract younger members via TikTok & Instagram and Wendy suggested that if gain younger members then we might wish to consider adapting our repertoire.  Beth offered to run social media.  Wendy will maintain Facebook and the Website.  Naomi will be contacted to enquire whether she wishes to continue with the technical side of our Website.  Lesley will ask her Son Ben to step in if Naomi is unable to continue.  Kathy was invited to take on the Co-ordinator role.  Sheena suggested we put snippets of our singing on the website.  Leah suggested we add endorsements/affirmations/sound bites. | **Beth**  **Wendy**  **Leah**  **Lesley**  **Kathy** |
| 1. **Finance**   Funds held £10,515.05 - see attached for details. | **Lesley** |
| 1. **AOB**   Leah informed the committee that she and Andy have formed a new company and musical arrangements will be submitted under the new name. She requested that there be some flexibility with their contracted submissions of 4/5 per year due to the Covid restrictions – Agreed. |  |
| **Date of Next meeting**  Thursday, 1st April 2021 at 19.30 via Zoom |  |