



**Committee meeting  
7.00pm 12 November 2014**

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## **Minutes**

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies had been received from Sarah Bort. All other members were present. The chair welcomed Tessa Crilly to her first meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were adopted unamended.

The secretary reported that Brendan O'Neill was working on the costings for the proposed Rite of Spring day.

3. Conductor appointment

The outcome of the consultation exercise, which showed an overwhelming support for appointing Leigh O'Hara, was noted with enthusiasm. It was agreed that the secretary should circulate a draft of the contract with the fee levels which had been agreed in discussion with Leigh. Members were asked to circulate comments and it was hoped that it would be possible to have a contract for Leigh to take away and sign at the rehearsal on 18 November.

Leigh should be invited to future committee meetings. It was agreed that, subject to Leigh's agreement, the leader should be given the option of attending committee meetings. It was noted that it would be necessary from time to time have closed sessions for part or all of some meetings for committee members only.

Members were asked to submit their thoughts on the future direction of the orchestra to the secretary by 30 November, who would produce a consolidated list which could be shared with Leigh in the first instance. Leigh would then be invited to produce his thoughts on the future and these would be made available to members with the possibility of a future meeting, perhaps in the form of an away day/afternoon, in any case separate from rehearsal time. The outcome of this discussion could be the basis of a more formal statement of the conductor's job description.

4. Arrangements for concert 29 November

Roland McCabe and Sarah Bort were asked to identify people for front of house and bar roles. It was agreed that there should be a rota on a section by section basis for clearing up after the concert.

It was agreed that the audience feedback form should not be used at the forthcoming concert as it would be too early for any changes consequent on the appointment of a new conductor to be reflected.

The secretary undertook to email the audience contact list about the forthcoming concert.

5. Treasurer's update and forecast

The Treasurer gave an update on the overall state of finances, which were healthy but which would rely on ticket sales and a growth in membership if they were to remain so in future.

The receipt of a gift of £2,000 from the Golden Bottle Fund (Hoare's bank) was noted. The chair noted that she had thanked Hoare's Bank on behalf of the orchestra. It was agreed that the orchestra should identify specific activities to fund with the gift rather than it simply being used to support regular business.

6. Any other business.

Hannah Northern suggested that there should be a social event for members. It was agreed that we should suggest to Leigh that we meet after the concert at the Rosendale public house.