

## **RADLETT MUSIC CLUB**

### **Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (“AGM”)**

**27 July 2021 at Christchurch Vision Hall, Radlett**

**In attendance:** Jonathan Gillams, Stephen and Ros Haller, Gary Harding, Ruth Mackler, Jim and Chris Parkin, Naomi Hartnell, Hedley and Sally Ramshaw, David and Maureen Grossman, Christine Essex, Michael Stockbridge, Ian and Valerie Macdonald, Malcolm and Christine Menzies, Robin and Mary Crosher, Penny Mauger, Richard Tilbury.

The meeting was quorate.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jenny Bailey, Bob Ogden, Peter Hartnell, Ken and Anne Hornsby, Robert and Wendy Mann, Elizabeth Altman, Brian Weller, Chris and Jenny Wilson, Sheila and Fred Thomas.
2. **Minutes of last AGM** (on 18 August 2020) – There were no comments on these and they were approved unanimously.
3. **Matters arising from minutes:** none.

4. **Concert Secretary’s report:**

Jim Parkin had prepared a written report which had been circulated to members in advance and he delivered that report to the AGM<sup>1</sup>. There were no questions raised about the report.

5. **Chairman’s report:**

Jonathan Gillams had prepared a written report which had been circulated to members in advance and he delivered that report to the AGM<sup>2</sup>. There were no questions raised about the report.

6. **Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner**

Gary Harding said that Ron Wheal had agreed to reappointment for 2021/22. This was put to the vote and was approved unanimously.

7. **Hon. Treasurer’s report and adoption of accounts:**

Copies of the accounts, and the Independent Examiner’s report, had been sent to members with the AGM Notice and Gary Harding had prepared a written Treasurer’s report which had been circulated to members in advance of the AGM<sup>3</sup>. He delivered that report and no questions were raised.

At a later point in the meeting, Gary advised members that the new season membership subscription, as shown on the leaflet, would be £70, up from £65.

It was then proposed by Michael Stockbridge, seconded by Ruth Mackler, that the accounts be adopted. They were approved unanimously.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the report is attached to the file version of these minutes.

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## 8. Election of Officers and Committee Members

In accordance with the notice of the AGM, the following existing Committee members were standing for the Committee.

	<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
<b>Officers</b>	Chairman	Jonathan Gillams	Stephen Haller	Gary Harding
	Hon. Secretary	Stephen Haller	Jonathan Gillams	Jim Parkin
	Hon Treasurer	Gary Harding	Stephen Haller	Jonathan Gillams
<b>Other roles</b>	Membership Secretary	Naomi Hartnell	Stephen Haller	Gary Harding
	Concert Secretary	Jim Parkin	Stephen Haller	Gary Harding
	Webmaster	Gary Harding	Stephen Haller	Jonathan Gillams

There were no other members standing for election. Jonathan Gillams then proposed that there be a block vote for this and the motion was approved unanimously.

## 9. Resolutions to amend constitution and sanction the Club's meetings held by virtual means and the use of hyperlinks

This resolution was proposed by Stephen Haller and seconded by Jonathan Gillams. A copy of the full resolution<sup>4</sup> had been notified to all members with the AGM notice, in accordance with the constitution.

Stephen Haller addressed the meeting and explained the background and rationale for the resolution. Following this, no questions were raised and the resolution was approved unanimously.

## 10. Any other business

10.1. Commenting on the award of Honorary Life Membership to Joan Ripley<sup>5</sup> upon reaching 90, Sally Ramshaw said she had always found Joan very friendly and hoped she would be able to have an appropriate celebration. Michael Stockbridge told the meeting that Joan had in fact been quite unwell for some years, was home-bound and frail. However, he would pass on the meeting's well wishes.

10.2. David Grossman asked about the level of fees at the Radlett Centre. Jim Parkin replied that the fees will remain the same for the first 2 or 3 concerts but will then go up and added that the cost of the piano hire has also gone up. Gary Harding said the Purcell school is cheaper and they also provide a piano within that price. Jonathan Gillams then added that the cost of using the Radlett Centre has gone up a lot over recent years as a proportion of the ticket cost. Chris Parkin suggested the Club perhaps speaks to the local MP about the issue, given that he is Secretary of State for Culture.

There followed a discussion about other venues and the issues in trying to find suitable alternatives. Jonathan Gillams said we were still in a state of flux due to the continuing Covid situation. Ruth Mackler suggested Allum Hall. Various Committee members told the meeting that Haberdashers had not responded to enquiries about using their facilities, Aldenham School had responded but was unsuitable and Edge Grove was not a comfortable facility for adults.

10.3. Chris Parkin, regarding the declining membership, suggested that each member should invite one or two friends to concerts next year to try to encourage new members to join. In the comments that followed, this was felt to be a good idea.

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<sup>4</sup> A copy of the resolution is attached to the file version of these minutes.

<sup>5</sup> See the Chairman's report.

10.4. Michael Stockbridge, on behalf of the members, said he wanted to thank the Committee for what it had achieved in a very difficult year, and Gary Harding in particular for his control of the IT function and especially the use of the mute function during the online concerts.

Jonathan Gillams then declared the meeting closed.