# Royston Town Band Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting held on 2nd March 2015 at the Old Bull Inn, Royston.

Version 1, 16th March 2015

Present: CF (Chair), CB, MJ, LL, MP, RS, SS, GW
Apologies: BE, SE, LK, GS, KS, OS

## 2015/19 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes (version 2) of the meeting on 9th February 2015 were agreed as a true record.

## 2015/20 Engagements and contests

(The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of upcoming engagements - see Roger’s Engagement List document for this.)

### Potential new engagements

* St. Neots had requested a Sunday performance at Riverside Park. Roger had offered Sunday 19th July or Sunday 6th September.
* Heathfield’s Residents Association Summer had asked about availability to play at a garden party. Details to be established.
* A potential engagement at the Melbourn Village College fete had been declined due to a conflict with an existing engagement.
* Information had been received about a massed band event at Ely Cathedral, organised by Chatteris band, on the weekend following the RTB Grossalmerode visit. It was decided that RTB would not participate as a unit, but that information would be shared with the band members so that they may contact Chatteris band directly, should they wish to be involved. **Action: RS**
* Mr John Crosher had previously been offered a free performance in recognition of his generous donations towards the new band room project. He had now requested that the band perform at a garden party. The details are to be established.
* The committee was in favour of holding another open rehearsal as part of the Royston Arts Festival.

### March

#### Area Contest

Roger had submitted registration details for new players.

RTB would be in the first draw, to take place at 10 a.m., with the first band performing at 11 a.m. There would be 23 bands performing.

Cornet resourcing for the contest was discussed, given several problems due to injury/illness and unavailability of players. A possible mitigation was seen to be:

* Freddie Ball moves to soprano cornet
* Christine is asked if she is available to play on the front row, in place of Freddie
* Holly is asked to play if Anne is unavailable
* Mike Wise could be asked to return to cornet from percussion

Establish likelihood of Anne being available, given her hand injury.

 **Action: CF**

Establish Christine’s availability to supplement front row, given Freddie will be playing soprano.

 **Action: RS**

### May

#### Spring Concert

The Royston Parish Church was seen as the obvious venue for this, with the proceeds being split between RTB and the church.

The most popular date was Saturday 16th May. Roger would enquire as to availability.

 **Action: RS**

Possible themes were discussed. The following were suggested:

* Myths and Legends
* Spring

Sue would ask Chris Surridge to consider additional themes, based on music library content.

 **Action: SS**

### July

Tannery Drift School had asked the band to perform at the school fete on Saturday 11th July.

### December

Wimpole had asked the band to play carols at some point during December and had been offered Sunday 6th December.

### January 2016

Possible RTB participation at Butlin’s Mineworkers’ Contest in 2016 (16th/17th January) was discussed. The major downside raised was cost, the major components of which are the purchase of day passes for those players travelling to Butlin’s just for the Saturday and the payment of travel expenses.

Charmian would ask the band members to consider whether they would be prepared to pay for themselves this year, ahead of discussion and decision at the AGM.

 **Action: CF**

## 2015/21 Heimatfest visit to Grossalmerode

Lisa had requested a definitive list of those travelling to Grossalmerode and how they were intending to travel. There was uncertainty about the plans of Steve and Nicola, Marian and Roger, and Judy and Derek.

 **Action: SE
 Action: MP**

Music would be selected by Steve.

  **Action: SE**

## 2015/22 Players and musical development

### Rep cornet

Paul Carter had been asked for his reaction to Ben Timms playing the Rep cornet part and was agreeable to this. Ben had sat in on the part and had enjoyed it, but had not yet been asked about playing the part on a permanent basis.

### Development Band

Charmian continued to look for rehearsal venues which are available for little or no outlay. The Methodist Church on Queens Road was a possibility.

Lisa’s DBS check had not progressed, but this would not hinder the start of the Development band rehearsals.

## 2015/23 Social, PR and promotion

Nine teams were expected for the Quiz Night on Saturday 14th March. Charmian would ask band members to provide prizes for the raffle.

A band room opening event was discussed. Saturday 4th or Sunday 5th July were considered suitable dates for this as it allows a reasonable amount of notice for invitees and avoids the start of the holiday season. Charmian would contact prospective invitees including Oliver Heald MP, to establish their availability.

 **Action: CF**

Larry proposed a jumble/table top sale on the site of the new band hut. Discussion centred on how this could be most profitable for the band. Sue remarked that it would be most profitable for the band to collect items for sale and then sell those items itself, rather than renting tables to those with items to sell.

Early autumn appeared to be a likely timeframe for this. To be planned at future committee meetings.

 **Action: All**

## 2015/24 Band room construction

The skeleton of the new band room had been completed and Rob was now taking a break. Work would resume on 14th March, with the installation of the windows, insulation and cladding, with remaining external work, including gravel and paving, to follow.

Rob is anticipating the completion of his work at the end of March or beginning of April.

The band build subcommittee had met to plan the work which the band will undertake itself and had constructed a shopping list of items to be purchase. The first job is believed to be the painting of the external cladding. Planning of the roofing and electrical installation activities was in hand.

Build costs were creeping upwards. A contingency plan had been made which delayed internal studwork and completion of the toilet until the cash position was clearer.

An application had been made to the Bowls club for a loan of £2000, interest free, to be paid off over 18 months. Elements of the cost would be the subject of an application for funding to Brian Racher CT.

## 2015/25 AGM

The preferred date for the 2015 AGM was 16th April.

[Following the meeting, this date was changed to Thursday 30th April.]

The following AGM issues were discussed:

* Revised Constitution. Charmian would attempt to update this and circulate a copy for comment. **Action: CF**
* Change of subscription. The committee was not in favour of increasing the subscription charges this year.
* Committee membership. Tony, Ben and Mike (Wise) were suggested as possible additions the committee.

## 2015/26 Treasurer’s Statement

A summary of accounts for the period 10th February 2015 to 1st March 2015 is distributed with these minutes.

The band had a total of £30153.57 in cash and at bank on 1st March 2015.

## 2015/27 Miscellaneous

Charmian had discussed Holy Sim’s subscription payment with her father. Payment would be forthcoming imminently.

## 2015/28 Date of next meeting

Monday 13th April at the Old Bull Inn, 8.30pm start.

## 2015/29 Consolidated actions

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| Date | Owner | Action |
| 02/03/2015 | RS | Pass information on Ely Cathedral massed band event on to RTB members. |
| 02/03/2015 | CF | Establish whether Anne Bravery is likely to be available for the Area Contest. |
| 02/03/2015 | RS | Establish whether Christine Whinney will be available for the Area Contest. |
| 02/03/2015 | RS | Establish whether the Royston Parish Church will be available for the proposed Spring Concert on Saturday 16th May. |
| 02/03/2015 | SS | Ask Chris Surridge to consider additional themes for the Spring Concert, based on music library content. |
| 02/03/2015 | CF | Ask band members to consider participation at Butlin’s contest in January 2016 on a self-funding basis. |
| 02/03/2015 | CF | Contact Oliver Heald MP and other potential invitees to the new band room opening event. |
| 02/03/2015 | All | Plan jumble / table top sale for early autumn. |
| 02/03/2005 | SE | Advise Lisa of travel plans for Heimatfest |
| 02/03/2005 | MP | Consult Judy and advise Lisa of travel plans for Heimatfest. |
| 02/03/2005 | SE | Select music for Heimatfest. |
| 02/03/2015 | CF | Amend Constitution and circulate for comment. |
| 09/02/2015 | CF | Reply to invitation to the Mayor’s Civic Service. |
| 05/01/2015 | All | Pursue internal individual/small group contest, following Area Contest commitments. |
| 05/01/2015 | CF | Progress masterclass/workshop idea, when time permits |
| 05/01/2015 | CF | Attempt to find free-of-charge venue for Development Band rehearsals. |
| 01/12/2014 | MJ | Establish which cornet players do not have a full complement of mutes. |
| 10/11/2014 | All | Discuss Masons’ money when time permits. |