



Minutes of the Kumeu Vintage Brass Band Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 18 January 2018 at Carriages Café, Kumeu.
(New Venue - New Year)



Present:

Barbara Blackett, Stuart Crow, Lois Cuneen, Eric Cole, Brian Ede, Graeme Gillies, Neville Thomas.

Apologies: Brian Gilbert

Minutes of October 2017 meeting: Confirmed and accepted.

Correspondence In: Auckland Live - Morning Melodies - Resignations

Playout Reviews: 9 events were held between October and December 2017 and although a couple of playouts saw smaller attendances, this did not deter the playouts being another success.

Upcoming in 2018:

Morning Melodies Monday 12 February – band members to report at 9am. Bruce Sinton to transport equipment e.g. percussion, drums. Additional items; typewriter and other articles for “The Typewriter” music stint.

Couldrey House Wenderholm Sunday 4 March - This playout to be confirmed.

Kumeu Show Sunday 11 March Kumeu Vintage time 10am – 12.30pm. (Kumeu Brass 12.30 – 2pm?)

Charity Concert – May. Date to be confirmed. Eric Cole to liaise with Waimauku School and other local schools.

Orewa Baptist Church Concert Saturday 16 June

Any other Villages – under discussion. To be confirmed. It was moved by Committee, that Neville Thomas, Phil Thomson and Graeme Gillies visit Metlife Care executives to discuss possible contract. The new Brochures have been produced so these will be an added bonus.

Subscriptions and Finance: Eric tabled reports and thanked Neville for checking these reports. Account balance to date is \$4,144.00 at the moment. Subscription payments totalling \$2,550.00 from KVB are almost complete. Thanks to all who have paid.

Current KVB Membership: now stands at 43 due to the resignation of Ray Daubney and Dave Sinton. We thank them for their contribution to the Band and they are always welcome to come along to chat, listen or join in.

Conductors Report: Graeme acknowledged the last 5 years under his Musical Director role. He was overwhelmed at the amazing ascension of the Band and the accolades given at venues e.g. Art Deco, Morning Melodies to name just a couple. Stuart Crow said that, be it Band Practice or Playouts, Graeme was the reason for the way the Band, and Audiences, respond to the style of Music, his prowess in bringing the best out of all the Band sectional member’s performances, and not forgetting the Jokes which makes every performance complete.

Report from Executive Committee: Brian Ede said there was not a lot to report at the moment. Resource Consent was submitted, but further discussion is required due to

- a) Band membership of both Bands, and
- b) renovation may need to be re-addressed.

Bandroom Cleaning: Barbara Blackett to confer with both Bands to organise another Working Bee on the Bandroom.

2017 Carolling : This event was a huge success for the Band and a huge thank you to both Players and Collectors who gave their time at the various venues in December. Thanks to Brian Gilbert for arranging this and also a special mention to Jamie for the added attraction he received from the general public.

Website / Internet: Neville spoke of the increased interest on “Facebook”. Some members are still having trouble finding the “white dot” on the web-page. Please ask Neville if you can’t access this.

Social: Mention was made that after some performances i.e. Morning Melodies that the Band and partners get together for a social lunch or coffee. Barbara will check out suitable venues near to where the venue is played at the time.

General Business:

- Patron (Craig Walker) to be invited to the Morning Melodies – Lois to send him letter with two complimentary tickets. Friends of the Band also to be given notice of all upcoming events.
- A Committee member and a member of the Band met to discuss some concerns regarding:
 - ✓ *Uniforms for all members.*
 - ✓ *That all members be treated the same.*
 - ✓ *Cleaning of the Bandroom*

NB: The Committee listened to all of these concerns and although they were important to the member, it was felt that the issues were not detrimental to anyone in particular and due to the camaraderie of the whole Band, everyone needs to be aware, and to adapt to each other's personality, nature or temperament.

- Uniforms: Barbara and Brian Gilbert will discuss options on both Men and Lady uniforms and will be tabled at the next meeting and suggested outcomes will be discussed with all Band members.
- Cleaning of Bandroom: A roster is in the Bandroom for members. (Please swap with another person if unable to do your duty day).
- Payout Dress Code: The dress code is always mentioned on the noticeboard and information sheet emailed to everyone. It is up to all members to abide by these rules.
- Suggestion was made to maybe renovate the bandroom bathroom facilities.
- Lew Neilsen asked if the Committee would look at buying "Music Bags or Satchels" for the Band?. Committee agreed that these would not be needed at this stage.
- Brian Ede attended the recent Sol3 Mio Concert in December and noted that there was no "supporting act", which meant there was not a lot to do before the "main attraction" came on. It was suggested that we approach Villa Maria to see if there was a reason for this? and if they were looking for a Band to entertain the crowd beforehand, our Band could oblige. What a buzz this would be!!!!

Our next Committee meeting is set for early April. Thanks to all members of Committee.

Meeting closed at 11.42am.