



## Music Subcommittee Meeting 14th March 6.30pm Sportsman

**Present:** Sue, Michelle, Liz, Jon, Kevin and Cheryl.

**Apologies:** Andrew and Alwena, Fred.

**Matters Arising:** Cheryl took the chair for the meeting and used Andrew's submitted points for the format of the meeting.

The Elephant and Castle have agreed to a part payment of £1,053, the invoice for which will go through Town Council procedures. The menu is yet to be decided.

Russell George has kindly offered to apply for an Welsh Arts grant on our behalf.

Bowling seems to be a good option for a leisure activity for the young musicians. The cost will be £4 per person on a group booking. 3 o'clock would be a good time to arrange a booking.

The agenda for the music festival will be fine tuned at the next meeting.

Lunches : Michelle has been trying to get information about dietary requirements from the French with little success. We may have to assume that no one needs special attention. There is one vegan and a few vegetarians among the Welsh contingency, but Cheryl has suggested that we ask Duo's for a no-peanut approach to the make up of all sandwiches, to avoid anaphylactic shock.

Hosting: We are now up to 109, but we will need a buffer zone to cater for the last minute problems that always arise. We could do with more hosts in the music fraternity, because it looks as though many musicians will not be hosted in musical families. [We have not asked which hosts can actually play an instrument.]

Andrew's lists will need to be coordinated between the two coaches, because some people will want to be accommodated together, who are not on the same coach.

Sarah Koffer's and Sue Phillips' forms were returned.

The High School Hall will be up to capacity, so we shall be unable to advertise the concert to the public. Everyone will have to pay for to attend the concert, whatever their status.

Over the festival weekend, music has to be the focus. Those French not taking part in the playing of music will not be able to watch rehearsals or linger in the High School. We hope that Guy Trichot will emphasise this to the other travellers. We could ask him to do this during another Skype session.

Michelle wanted help to coordinate hosts and guests. Liz said she would contact Andrew for her. Andrew had sent a list of musicians and their instruments to Michelle.

Sue said that it was equally important that hosts should know, as soon as possible, who they would be accommodating.

We decided to ask for an extension to the AGM, on the 22nd March, specifically for the hosting of non musicians. This information would be useful to pass on in a Skype session.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 11th of April at 6.30 pm in the Sportsman.