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£170 was raised on the day through the sale of programmes and collection buckets. This money was recommended by the Youth Music Committee to be awarded to the new Charity. Councillor P Cherrington also agreed to match fund this amount. This would be finalised at full Council on 23rd September 2020.

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3. Election of Chairman

The Committee agreed for Councilor P Cherrington to remain Chairman of the Oswestry Youth Music Festival Committee.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

The Committee agreed for Alan Metcalfe to remain Vice Chairman of the Oswestry Youth Music Festival.

5. Review New Syllabus

A number of small changes had been made which had been brought to the attention of the Committee members. Sue Turner had also added a sentence to cover GDPR requirements.

6. Covid Action Plan

At these early stages safety guidelines, to assist with social distancing and surface cleansing, was discussed. It was thought that most of the safety procedures for each venue would be decided upon closer to the time as there may be a number of government changes made by then. The Committee were confident social distancing could be implemented, helped by restricting the visitor numbers to the performances. Sue Turner informed the Committee that she had recently visited the Hermon Chapel and was impressed by the number of improvements which had been made. She was confident that the changes would make social distancing easier in this venue.

It was thought that the larger bands and choirs may have to perform via Zoom to avoid the crowded venues normally seen for these classes. Logistically it would be easier for the adjudicator to stay in one place and

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watch the individual Zoom performances in situ. This would mean the hire of Holy Trinity Church would be unnecessary but again this would be reviewed closer to the time.

If restrictions still apply it was thought it sensible to award the winners trophies at the end of each class rather than waiting until the Sunday Final. This would reduce the number of people on Finals Day. The only performances at the Sunday Final will be for the overall junior and senior cups and once again visitor numbers will be limited. As the Sunday Final will have less impact, it was thought the Mayor could visit some of the other venues during the competition to show further support to the performers. This again will be reviewed closer to the time.

7. Volunteer Allocation and Festival Recruitment Strategy

It was thought there was a fairly strong pool of volunteers to call upon; however, the Committee continue to look for new volunteers.

8. Any Other Business

The Committee had been asked by the Town Clerk to look into making some cost savings ahead of next year's event. Sue explained that some changes had been made to the adjudicator arrangements to save costs and there was a possibility of a new piano being in place at the Hermon Chapel which could potentially reduce piano hire fees. Another potential saving will be made if Holy Trinity Church is not used, although a live performance would be preferred over a Zoom performance. Both the performers and visitors will be encouraged to download the programme to reduce the amount of printing at the Guildhall. To reduce the financial burden the programme would be increased to £2 to offset printing costs.

It was agreed to hold the annual logo competition as normal. The Chairman also asked to investigate the cost of medallions to be given to all winners as keepsakes.

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9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was planned for 4th February 2021 at 7.15 pm at the Guildhall and it was hoped all Members could be invited.