

Excess Receipts £39-6-6 Assets £102.4.11 and
Liabilities £50 were read by the Secretary.

Moved by H. Brien
Secd by P. Mortimer That the Report & Balance Sheet be
received carried.

Moved by H. G. Brownlee
Secd by E. Werner That the Report & Balance Sheet be
adopted carried.

Officers were then nominated & elected as follows:-

Patron His Worship the Mayor. S. Ensor Esq

Vice Patron A. L. Burk Esq

President Mr W. B. McDonald.

Vice Presidents Superintendent Thames Fire Brigade (Mr F. Wilton)
Superintendent St John Ambulance (Mr P. Hosking)
President Returned Soldiers Assn (Mr W. McNeillie).
A. Garrett. R. M. Rhodes J. W. Abury.

Hon Conductor Mr C. Liddington

Bandmaster Mr A. H. Sutcliffe

Band Sergeant Mr H. G. Brownlee.

Corporal Mr E. Werner.

Assistant Corporals Messrs J. Edwards, A. Brien, F. G. Roberts
Librarians and A. H. Sutcliffe

Secretary-Treasurer Mr E. O. Brownlee

Minute Secretary Mr H. G. Brownlee.

Drum Major left in abeyance

Committee Chairman, Secretary, Conductor, Bandmaster
Messrs H. G. Brownlee, P. Mortimer, E. Werner,
F. G. Roberts, A. Large & A. Brien.

Delegates to

United Services Com. Messrs W. B. McDonald, H. G. Brownlee & E. Werner

Auditors Messrs W. B. McDonald & R. M. Rhodes.

Moved by H. G. Brownlee
Secd by P. Mortimer That a vote of thanks
be accorded Mr C. Liddington for his services
to the Band carried

Moved E. O. Brownlee
Secd by H. Brien. That the Thames Citizens

Band place on record its sincere appreciation of the services rendered the Band by Mr A E Sutcliffe in coaching young players and that hearty congratulations be extended to him on the fine performance given by the boys on their initial appearance before the public on Dec 21st Carried with acclamation

Chidington
Medal.

Mr H G Browder advised that Mr Chidington's medal for the most improved player during the past 3 months had been awarded to A Brien.

At the request of the Chairman Mr Burke made the presentation and after thanking the Chairman for the privilege expressed his approval of the idea. The boys would form the nucleus of a senior Band and their initial success promised well for the future. It was essential that the boys keep up their practice and listen to their tutor. He complimented the winner on his success and expressed the hope that every boy would strive to attain musical perfection.

Mr H Browder stated that a medal was being awarded every 3 months.

Addressing the meeting at the request of the Chairman Mr Burke assured the Band that it had the support of himself and His Worship the Mayor. He thanked the older Bandmen for their efforts in keeping the Band together. There was nothing to worry over in the financial position of the Band and great credit was due to Chidington and A E Sutcliffe for the training of the boys and especially to Mr Sutcliffe for the successful debut of those boys. The honorariums granted were small and he considered that a town of 4000 should be in a position to pay a reasonable remuneration to those who put the work

into the Band. The public interest had been aroused and he felt that the time was opportune to place the Borough subsidy on a better footing. Referring to the Deed of Trust governing the interests Mr Burk said he was of the opinion that better arrangements could be made and he considered that the instruments should be vested in the Band and in the event of the Band winding up the assets should vest in the Council for the future revival of the Band. He suggested that a sub-committee be set up to meet the Trustees & himself after the vacation with a view to placing the Band on a better foundation and enabling it to Budget satisfactorily for the year. Permission had been given for the Band to play out on Xmas Eve and after extending the Councils best wishes for success assured them again of his support.

Mr McDonald said Mr Burk's remarks confirmed his statement earlier in the evening and he felt sure that the Band would always be treated as gentlemen.

Messrs McDonald, Brownlee, Ledington and Sutcliffe were appointed the sub-committee as suggested by Mr Burk.

Collection

The Secretary reported that the Collection on Sunday evening amounted to £54/3 and 9/- further had been received.

Mr H.G. Brownlee said that Mr Ledington proposed to stage an effort for the Band next year. He thought that should more social life be brought into the Band it would progress.

Mr Brien asked why Honorary members Tickets say at of had not been issued.

Mr Mortimer said that previously Hon. Members tickets had been set out and later a canvass made of the town. The result had not been good.

Mr E Brownee said that the Band had agreed not to make any appeal while the Patriotic Effort was on.

Presentation
At Satchiffe The President as a mark of his appreciation of Mr Satchiffe's services made him a personal presentation.

Deputations A deputation of Messrs F Willon, H W Dowell & Satchiffe representing Citizens interested in the welfare of a Band in Thames was welcomed by the Chairman.

Mr Dowell said the deputation assured the Band that it was willing to assist the Band. The Band had passed through bad times and he suggested that a Ladies Committee could be formed to assist any band effort.

Mr Willon endorsing Mr Dowell's remarks said he was pleased that the Band had been reformed and he would be pleased to assist in anyway at all.

Mr Satchiffe assured the Band of his support and suggested that a canvass of Honorary Members should be made. He felt sure that the people of Thames would be only too willing to assist.

The Secretary said the question of a Ladies Committee had been under discussion.

Mr Mortimer considered that the Band was lacking in Social Activities and with the aid of a Ladies Committee this could be overcome.

Mr H. Brownlee agreed with Mr Mortimer and said there was no doubt a Ladies Committee would be a wonderful asset to the Band. The Chairman said he appreciated the interest being taken in the Band and thanked the deputation for their offer of assistance. He assured them that their offer would be availed. After referring to social activities in connection with the City Boys Band he felt sure similar functions would place the Band on a better footing. The Band was now in a position to show the people something and he felt sure that the new boys would receive every assistance and consideration in upholding the wonderful record of the Band. Mr H Brownlee said everything was moving on right lines and after the holidays an effort could be made to form a Ladies Committee. The deputation and Ladies Committee could meet the Band Committee and from now on the Band could look to the future with confidence.

Thanks

The Chairman said he would like to thank the Fire Brigade for providing collectors on Sunday evening. It was typical of the willing assistance rendered by the Fire Brigade over many years.

Mr H Brownlee said the Band would be playing out on Xmas eve and permission to take up a collection had been granted. The collection would be divided between the boys, Mr Sutcliffe & the Band and if the Brigade could again assist it would be appreciated.

Mr Milton said he would like to thank the Band for electing him a Vice President. Acknowledging his election as a tribute to

the Brigade and an honour to himself he assured the Band that every member of the Brigade was keen on the Band. While it might be difficult to provide collectors on Xmas Eve on account of work he felt sure that the Auxiliary Members would help them out. He would like to congratulate the Band on the Sacred Concert and expressed the opinion that it was a wonderful performance.

The President extended Seasonal Greetings to those present and the meeting closed.

Confirmed

W. B. McDonald
Chairman

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Band held in the Druids Hall Kelleston St Thomas on Monday 22nd December 1941 at 8pm

Present Messrs W.B. McDonald (Chairman) P Mortimer, J Donnelly, A K Sutcliffe, R Werner, F G Roberts, H. Brien, J Edwards, H. G Brownlee & K. O Brownlee (Secretary)
Messrs A. L. Burke, & Sutcliffe & 13 bandsmen elect were present an apology being received from Mr Chidington

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 16th December 1940 were read & confirmed

New Members on the motion of H G Brownlee Seconded by H Brien the following were elected members of the Band.

A. G. Brien
F. G. Donnelly
J. H. Dowell
G. W. Henderson
H. Johnston
A. Large
B. A. O'Keary
T. K. O'Keary
D. Sutcliffe
A. R. Sutcliffe
G. G. Thorn
F. A. Thorn
B. Tregoweth

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to the new bandsmen and assured them that their performance on Sunday evening was a credit to them & their Bandmaster
As a Bandsmen of 48 years standing he could look back on many pleasant memories in the Band and he sincerely hoped that the boys in the years to come would be able to do likewise

Report & Balance Sheet The Annual Report dealing with Activities, Finance & General & the Financial Statements showing