

**MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held 2nd July 2025 at Macclesfield Methodist Church**

**PRESENT**      Mr Ciaran Fleming (Chair)                      Mr Keith Jones                      Mr Laurie Kennard  
                    Mr Neil McArthur                                      Mr Paul Nadin                      Mr Shane Owens

1. **Welcome** – CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Mr Chris Cromer, Mr Max Hartley, Mr Tim Neale
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 were agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** –
  - 4.1. **Concert co-ordination by rotation.** The practice of concert coordination by rotation (i.e. volunteers from the Baritone, Bass, T1, T2 sections) will be applied in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year. **All**
  - 4.2. **November 29<sup>th</sup> Concert** – Liaise with the guest performers when appropriate to provide a list of pieces which fit-in with the “70 Year Anniversary” theme. Discuss list with CC. **LK**
5. **Events** –
  - 5.1. **“MMVC in 2026 and beyond”**
    - 5.1.1. As proposed by LK, it was agreed to undertake the Membership Survey focussed on concerts and repertoire, requesting members to respond in 2 weeks. **LK**
  - 5.2. **Somerford – 9<sup>th</sup> August**
    - 5.2.1. Update CC on arrangements re music team and soloist. **LK**
    - 5.2.2. Choir to obtain tickets for JR and MT **CF**
    - 5.2.3. Confirm who is available / required to sing **Section Reps**
  - 5.3. **St Bartholomew’s Wilmslow – 20th September**
    - 5.3.1. LK confirmed his agreement to coordinate the concert **LK**
    - 5.3.2. Notify guest performers of the Committee’s agreement to a modest increase to their fee. **CF**
    - 5.3.3. Initiate publicity as soon as possible to maximise audience awareness, including the use of laminated posters. **LK/KJ**
  - 5.4. **Remembrance Concert – 10<sup>th</sup> November**
    - 5.4.1. Baritones to provide Concert Coordinator **CF/LK**
  - 5.5. **Groobarbs “Sing for Christmas” – 21st December**
    - 5.5.1. Booking accepted – fee to be agreed (target of £400) **LK**
  - 5.6. **Mottram Hall – 24th December**
    - 5.6.1. Booking accepted – fee to be agreed (target of £500 - £600) **PN**

**6. Financial Update** - Due to technical issues at CAF Bank following a systems upgrade, a precise cash balance and YTD financial analysis could not be prepared. It is estimated that the June month end cash balance is £13.1k, £200 below the 2024 June balance.

**7. Choir Recruitment Project**

**7.1. Proposals by the Team** – Proposals by the project team relating to, Website Changes, Social Media, a Satisfaction Survey, Repertoire and New Starter Protocol, and improving Health and Social Care awareness, were agreed in principle.

**7.2. Questionnaire** - It was agreed that the Recruitment Team would undertake a survey to identify what members like to sing, and what audiences like to hear.

**8. Section Reps Reports** – No points raised

**9. AOB**

**9.1. Keyboard** – Not been working correctly. Seek advice from CC / Anna, and investigate repair / replacement options. **SO/PN**

**9.2. Wedding / Event Fee for Website** – Statement “Starting from £350” agreed.

**9.3. Staging** – For regulatory reasons was agreed that the choir should seek opportunities to sell or donate the metal staging, except for the conductor’s podium. The wooden boxes will also be disposed of. **NM/SO**

**9.4. Working with Other Choirs**

9.4.1. Investigate opportunities to hire music between choirs **LK**

9.4.2. Investigate “Men United in Song” initiative by Peterborough MVC to attract singers and help the community. **LK**

**10. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Signed

Ciaran Fleming .....