

**MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Held 1st December 2025 at Broken Cross Methodist Church**

PRESENT	Mr Ciaran Fleming (Chairman)	Mr Chris Cromer	Mr Keith Jones
	Mr Laurie Kennard	Mr Neil McArthur	Mr Paul Nadin
	Mr Tim Neale	Mr Shane Owens	

1. **Welcome** – CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – None
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on 4th November 2025 were unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** –
 - 4.1. **70th Anniversary Concert** –
 - 4.1.1. **Thanks** - The Committee unanimously agreed that the concert was recognised as a success by both the performers and audience. Thanks were given to LK and the guest performers, plus Martin Tute for his recommendation.
 - 4.1.2. **Concert Raffle** – An audience member commented that the changed Raffle format removes anonymity / equality for the entrant. The entrant is invited to write their name on an envelope and enclose a sum of money at their discretion. It was suggested that this potentially allowed those opening the envelope to know how much each individual paid could relate this to winnings so may deter some audience members from contributing.
 - 4.1.3. **Microphone** – An audience member commented that as we had a PA system announcers should use it.
 - 4.1.4. **Music on Stage** – It was agreed that having music on stage lessened the focus on the conductor, and therefore the quality of the performance.
 - 4.1.5. **Dress Code** – it was agreed that jackets should be buttoned when singing.
5. **Choir Committee 2026** – CF raised his concern that, firstly, no-one had stepped-up to cover the critical roles of Treasurer and Secretary in 2026. Secondly, to conform with the requirement for committee rotation volunteers were required for the other committee roles. Nominations are required by the 19th January 2026.
 - 5.1. Circulate all choir members highlighting the critical need for Committee member nominations by the 19th January in advance of the AGM on the 26th January 2026. **CF**
 - 5.2. Prepare a precis of the tasks included in the Macc MVC Treasurer and Secretary roles, and identify options for possible split of tasks to assistants. **PN**
6. **Events Actions / Status** -
 - 6.1. **Christie Macclesfield Carols** –
 - 6.1.1. Detailed instructions for singers to be circulated by the end of the week. **PN**

6.2. Mottram Hall – 24th December

6.2.1. Identify for CC the performance style e.g. background music or formal **LK/PN**

6.3. Events - 2026

6.3.1. United Reformed Church - 18th April 2026. (Men United in Song to perform) **LK**

6.3.2. Congleton / Biddulph - 27th June 2026 **LK**

6.3.3. Proposed Concert - 11th July 2026 tbc **LK**

6.3.4. Wilmslow St Barts - 3rd October **LK**

6.3.5. Macc URC – 28th November (Guest performer / choir tbc) **LK**

7. Financial Update – Closing November 2025 bank balance was £10,231 (November 2024 £9,228).

8. Section Reps Reports - No issues raised.

9. Any Other Business

9.1. AGM – Notification and preparation for 2026 AGM on 26th January 2026. **CF/PN**

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5th January 2026, 6pm at Broken Cross Methodist Church

Signed: Ciaran Fleming