

**MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR
COMMITTEE MEETING
Held 6th May 2025 at Macclesfield Methodist Church**

PRESENT Mr Ciaran Fleming (Chair) Mr Keith Jones Mr Laurie Kennard
 Mr Neil McArthur Mr Paul Nadin Mr Tim Neale
 Mr Bryan Peak

1. **Welcome** – CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Mr Chris Cromer, Mr Shane Owens, Mr Max Hartley, Mr Martin Tute
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on 7th April 2025 were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** –
 - 4.1. **Concert co-ordination by rotation.** No choir feedback to date. Clarification - whilst it is proposed that the Concert Co-ordinator role would be nominated by each section in turn the Co-ordinator could then enlist any choir member (or supporter) to pick up a specific task e.g. sourcing tickets, organising front of house team, raffle etc.
5. **Events**
 - 5.1. **St John' Knutsford 10th May**
 - 5.1.1. Ticket Sales - Macc MVC, 30 tickets sold to date, Star Choir est. 50 tickets, and hope to exceed 100 with sales in the week and on the door. The church has capacity for double this amount.
 - 5.1.2. A raffle was held. Shane and Amber organised FOH, with Ruth helping on refreshments.
 - 5.1.3. Card Reader – The event has identified the inflexibility and risk of only having one Card Reader. It was agreed another Card Reader is required. **PN**
 - 5.1.4. Refreshments – Proposed price for drinks per glass Wine £3, Soft Drinks £1
 - 5.1.5. Use of the Piano – The use of the piano and PA system has been requested for an additional sum as the Macc MVC piano is not amplified.
 - 5.1.6. Programmes - As only 50 printed, priority must be given to the audience.
 - 5.1.7. Guests – Councillor Colin Banks Mayor of Knutsford; Ciaran and David Coggan to host.

5.2. Macclesfield Mayoral Awards – 11th May

- 5.2.1. As only Tim Neale is available CC is looking for pieces in which the T1s and T2s can support each other.

5.3. Congleton Town Hall (with Audley and Biddulph Choirs) - 14th June

- 5.3.1. Staging will need to accommodate circa 90 people.
- 5.3.2. Propose ticket price £15 to be discussed / agreed with other choirs. **LK**

5.4. Somerford – 9th August

- 5.4.1. The maximum number in the audience is 60 - the choir will be singing in the gallery to the audience below - Chris & Anna are both available – there will be a fixed fee.
- 5.4.2. Members attending – need details of choristers available. **Section Reps**

5.5. St Bartholomew's Wilmslow – 20th September

- 5.5.1. Opportunity to promote the choir in Wilmslow with the offer of an additional musical experience, Ester McVey and other dignitaries to attend.
- 5.5.2. Need choir to focus on marketing the event locally. **All Members**

5.6. November 29th Concert

- 5.6.1. Liaise with Martin Tute to confirm guest performers. **LK**

5.7. Groobarbs "Sing for Christmas" – 21st December

- 5.7.1. Booking accepted.

5.8. Christ Church Macclesfield – Date TBA

- 5.8.1. Unable to fit it in for 2025 concert, discuss possible dates for 2026 with Geoff Molyneux. **LK**

- 6. Choir Lottery** - The lottery take-up has not been as strong as expected. The opportunity will be re-presented to members. **PN**

- 7. Choir Future Development** – the future of the Choir depends upon attracting new members, retaining existing members, and appealing to our audience.

- 7.1.** There is a proposed protocol from the recruitment group '**New Starter protocol**'. We have implemented the broad outline of New Starter Protocol (meet/greet by President / Chairman, obtain contact details, establish a red New Starter folder with music, website details, section rep details).

- 7.2.** We should consult members on their preferences and views. **LK / BP / Recruitment Group**
- 7.3.** As we have then to ensure that the resultant income at least meets the costs incurred, we should consider various financial scenarios relating to these factors. **PN / NM**
- 8. Formal welcome for new members** - prepare an outline procedure to ensure new members feel a warmly welcomed and are confident and comfortable with choir members from all sections, and vice versa. **KJ / TN**
- 9. AOB – Website Update:** new content is required for the website comprising:
- 9.1.** An indication of the cost of the choir attending weddings, anniversaries etc. **PN/BP**
- 9.2.** Updating photos and locations – enthusiastic amateur photographers and models required!!
ALL
- 10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2nd June 2025**

Signed

Ciaran Fleming