

**MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR  
INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Held 6th October 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

1. **Welcome** – CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – Mr Shane Owens
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 were unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising** –
  - 4.1. **Choir Keyboard** – TN informed the meeting that checking the portable keyboard was in progress, particular focus on the connection of the foot pedal and the ability/ effectiveness of attaching an external speaker, if required. **TN**
  - 4.2. **Disposal of Staging** – NM reported that the enquiry from David Hyde to borrow sections of the metal staging for the Gawsworth Panto was unsuccessful due to the small number of suitable items. NM agreed to investigate possibilities to sell the staging “sold as seen”, with the choir disclaiming responsibility for the safety of the staging erected by any other party. **NM**
5. **Events Actions / Status** -
  - 5.1. **St Bartholomew’s, Wilmslow – 20<sup>th</sup> September**
    - 5.1.1. A payment of £75 to the supported charity, Hope Central, was agreed
  - 5.2. **Cottons, Knutsford - 17<sup>th</sup> October**
    - 5.2.1. Two pieces of community singing will be included e.g. Beatles / Abba. **CC**
    - 5.2.2. A keyboard would be required at the venue (see 4.1 above). **TN**
    - 5.2.3. The singing would be completed at 10pm latest. **CF**
  - 5.3. **Remembrance / Sacred Music, St Peters Prestbury – November 8<sup>th</sup> CANCELLED**
  - 5.4. **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert - 29<sup>th</sup> November**
    - 5.4.1. It was agreed that the title “70th Anniversary Concert” would be used in the promotion materials. **CF/LK**
    - 5.4.2. The Harlequin Quartet will perform and can provide a soloist, accompanied by Macc MVC, in selected piece(s). **CC**
    - 5.4.3. Investigate the production and distribution of concert promoting “Flyers” for members to put through letterboxes in their local area. **LK / All**
  - 5.5. **Groobarbs “Sing for Christmas” – 21st December – CANCELLED**

**5.6. Mottram Hall – 24th December**

5.6.1. Booking accepted / fee agreed.

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**5.7. Events - 2026**

5.7.1. United Reformed Church - 18th April 2026. (Caravanettes unavailable - MWC see below)

LK

5.7.2. Congleton / Biddulph - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

LK

5.7.3. Proposed Concert - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 tbc

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5.7.4. Proposed Concert - 3<sup>rd</sup> October Venue TBC

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5.7.5. Proposed Concert – 28<sup>th</sup> November (Macc URC – Guest choir tbc)

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**6. Financial Update**

**6.1. Update** – Closing September bank balance was £12,519 (September 2024 £11,137).

**6.2. Concert Profit** - The profit from the Wilmslow concert was around £275, and profits to-date are £2,735. With a full year budget of £4,000, if Mottram Hall plus Cottons contribute say £675, we are on track so long as we do well at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert!

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**7. Section Reps Reports** - No issues raised.

**8. Choir Recruitment –**

**8.1.** The Recruitment Project members propose to hold a “Men Wanted Concert” (MWC) to attract new member in 2026.

**8.2.** New male members will be recruited specifically to perform a short concert in aid of a local charity (East Cheshire Hospice), after 10 weeks practice.

**8.3.** CC will train the choir at separate weekly rehearsals.

**8.4.** The objective is to,

8.4.1. Provide a fulfilling and challenging experience for MWC performers,

8.4.2. Promote awareness and support for Macc MVC in the community,

8.4.3. Motivate performers to join Macc MVC after the MWC.

**8.5.** Proposed performance date Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**8.6.** Amounts earmarked for recruitment from the 2025 membership subscription will be used to fund the MWC initiative.

**8.7.** The Committee approved the proposal for a “Men Wanted Concert”.

**9. Any Other Business**

**9.1.** LK’s choir survey results to be discussed at the November meeting.

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**10. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Macclesfield Methodist Church

Signed: Ciaran Fleming .....