

**MACCLESFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Broken Cross Methodist Church**

**PRESENT** Mr Neil McArthur (Acting as Chair)  
Mr Laurie Kennard  
Mr Shane Owens  
Mr Paul Nadin

- 1. Welcome** – NM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies** – Ciaran Fleming, Keith Jones, Tim Neal, Chris Comer.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were unanimously agreed.
- 4. Matters Arising** –
  - 4.1. Choir Keyboard** – Appears functional and in order. Small issue with din plug. Worked fine at Cottons, Knutsford – no further action. **TN**
  - 4.2. Choir Survey** – Results overview – Relevant issues rentals, advertising, sponsorship and funding. LK to keep dialogue ongoing with members. **LK**
  - 4.3. Christmas Social** – To be held at Bowling Club 22 November 2025. Jeff organising event with full details yet to be confirmed. Ticket price set at £15 to cover room hire and food price. Jeff to provide update to members prior to the event.
- 5. Events Update** -
  - 5.1. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert - 29<sup>th</sup> November**
    - 5.1.1. The Harlequin Quartet will perform and can provide a soloist, accompanied by Macc MVC, in selected piece(s). £250 fee agreed. **CC**
    - 5.1.2. Guests – Marcus Williams SATB. Marcus to share social media.
    - 5.1.3. Helpers, invitations to VIPs and patrons along with choir members John Robinson, Martin Tute and Dave Collins. Agreed wine for guests, Chris and Anna gifts in keeping with tradition. **PN**
  - 5.2. December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christie Hospital Macclesfield**
    - 5.2.1. Arrangements yet to be confirmed in particular car parking availability for choir.
  - 5.3. December 19<sup>th</sup> – Clayton Manor**
    - 5.3.1. No confirmation as yet.
  - 5.4. December 20<sup>th</sup> – Groobards**
    - 5.4.1. Cancelled.
  - 5.5. December 24<sup>th</sup> – Mottram Hall 4-5.30pm**
    - 5.5.1. Confirmed.
  - 5.6. Events - 2026**
    - 5.6.1. United Reformed Church - 18th April 2026. (Caravanettes unavailable - option for Men United in Song, see below) **LK**
    - 5.6.2. Congleton / Biddulph - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 **LK**
    - 5.6.3. Proposed Concert - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Knutsford St Johns agreed. **LK**
    - 5.6.4. Proposed Concert - 3<sup>rd</sup> October Wilmslow St Barts agreed. **LK**

- 5.6.5. Proposed Concert – 28<sup>th</sup> November (Macc URC – Guest choir tbc) **LK**
- 5.6.6 Discussion updated at proposed event Men United iN Song – ongoing process, formal details yet to be confirmed. Funds earmarked. A significant amount of work has gone into this and presents a real opportunity to recruit new members and promote MMVC. A short update to members at the earliest opportunity as this event requires the commitment of everyone.

## 6. Financial Update

- 6.1. **Update** – Closing October bank balance was £11,181 (September 2024 £10k approx.)
- 6.2. **Concert Profit** – Concert income to-date are £3k with a full year budget of £4,000, we are on track so long as we do well at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert! **PN**

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

## 8. Choir Recruitment –

- 8.1. Discussion about concerns raised by Ciaran Fleming (Chair) concerning next years Choir Committee appears we are struggling to engage the interests of other members, concerned that we are stretching the goodwill of standing members.

In essence, the situation is that if we have no Committee we have no Choir. We are already committed to the current performance calendar. Importantly we need a Treasurer for 2026 and a Secretary. We have some interest from new members but no firm commitments at present.

- 8.2. Secretary's role – Laurie will continue as Concert Secretary for 2026 already in place, happy to do a general secretary for organising around these concerts but cannot take on the full role and responsibilities.

8.2.1. Action – break down job list of Secretary role and put to members. **LK**

8.2.2. Action - agreed that we need to convey the gravity of the situation to members as a matter of urgency. Letter to members. **CF**

## 9. Date of Next Meeting – 6pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at Macclesfield Methodist Church

Signed: Ciaran Fleming .....