

MAWSON ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
28th September, 2025

Members Attending: Anna, Michael, Aira, Mike C., Lorna, Jane, Natania, Lucia, Rachel, Ruth, Mercedesz, Nuala, Dave T. Ish, David W., Metta, Claire, Gina, Beate, Bev, Edmund, AP, Dave H., Neil, Debbie, Tamsin, Elisabeth, Mansel, Tristan, Kit, Daniel, Jasmine, Gary, Vic.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Fiona and Rob.
2. **The Minutes of the AGM of 29th September, 2024** were agreed as a true record to be signed off by the Chair.
3. **Committee Membership:** Daniel has stepped back from the Committee and we thank him for his contribution. Vic proposed Elisabeth (Clarinet) as a new member of the Committee and the proposal was seconded by Gary. The members agreed to Elisabeth's joining the Committee and we welcomed her.
4. **Financial Report from the Treasurer:** Vic updated members on the current state of the orchestra finances. He reminded us of the principal sources of expenditure: the termly hire of the Church for rehearsals which is still being maintained at a very reasonable level. Twice a year we hire the church for concerts but Vic accounts for this separately, under concert costs. We also update our insurance policy annually, incur a small cost for the website and pay for the subscription to Sibelius, the software Michael uses for his arrangements. We also give Michael and Mike a gift each term. This term we are projecting an outturn of £2,597, a healthy balance to carry forward into the coming year.
5. **Concert plans** are well underway for the November performance and new pieces are available for rehearsal, to ensure we are well prepared for the performance.
6. Vic proposed a date of **Saturday 13th June for the Summer concert**. It is necessary to get our bookings in nice and early because the church is becoming increasingly popular as a concert venue. Once the booking is confirmed, it will be entered into the orchestra calendar on the website.
7. **Calendar and website:** all members are urged to make regular use of the website, where all new music is posted week to week. It is also important to read emails; we try to keep these to a minimum but they are important in case of any changes week to week. The Calendar is regularly updated and members can look well ahead for important dates.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed at 5.15 pm.
Thank you for attending.