

## **Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir**

### **Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 9.00pm**

President: Alex Findlay

Vice President: Neil Sommerville

Secretary: Willie Wallace

Treasurer: Michael Struthers

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Caldwell

Patronage Secretary: Bill Caldwell

Librarian: Reg Short

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Stephen Brown

General Choir Committee Members: Tom Adams, Alec Clark, John Goodwin, Alex Ferguson

#### **Choir Secretary's Report**

This year has been an exceptional one in which the choir has performed in collaboration with both a Concert Brass Band and a top Welsh Male Voice Choir. During the year our Assistant Musical Director and accompanist has not been available all season and we have been fortunate in identifying very capable replacements for practices and particularly major concert engagements. Our Musical Director has introduced new musical material throughout the year while also dipping into the choir's extensive music library. This latter music can also be regarded as "new" to many choir members due to the continuing turnover of membership.

The choir continues to be invited to concert venues throughout the greater Ayrshire area. At major concerts we have been able to raise funds to support other organisations including the Ayrshire Hospice, Howard Centre and Dunaskin Doon Brass. Large choir concerts and small concert parties create new opportunities for performances where the choir is unknown or previously unheard.

Choir active singing numbers this year are settled at 51. We have retained one of our Students from the Scholarship Scheme last year, and have recruited 2 new members. At this time, we have 2 new enquiries for membership. If these applicants prove successful, we will be well on our way to the long term target of 55. As previously reported this number gives the choir real flexibility when some members are ill or have work/holiday commitments.

The local authority grant received almost 2 years ago has been expended and the Choir now has a versatile PA system adaptable to various occasions. The grant has also made it possible for members to travel to various concert locations at no cost. New grant opportunities to support the choir activities are currently being explored.

The Choir Constitution is still in the process of updating in line with the changes proposed last year.

Choir Secretary 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

