

## **Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir**

**Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 9.00pm**

President: Al Grant (deceased)

Vice President: Alex Findlay

Secretary: Willie Wallace

Treasurer: Michael Struthers

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Caldwell

Patronage Secretary: Bill Caldwell

Librarian: Reg Short

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

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

This year has been one of considerable change. In the early months a newly appointed accompanist was settling in to his position, and happily for the choir with considerable success. This was followed by resignation of the Musical Director who retired from the Choir at the 2023 Annual Concert. The choir was fortunate to have a former musical director lead the difficult task in identifying and securing the services of a new leader. Again happily this process was successful and the partnership of new Musical Director and choir has blossomed.

A successful year has been marked by the increased number of concerts the choir has been invited to perform. This has helped in spreading the choir's reputation and has assisted in recruiting new members to the choir.

Last year I reported that we had 47 singers, and it is really encouraging again this year to report that we have a total roll of 52 of whom we have 49 singers. The target of a singing complement remains 55 which would give us real flexibility to cope with absences due to illness and holidays.

The choir has recently been awarded a grant to both grow and support its membership, and to help the choir to expand its effectiveness in a greater geographical area, while improving its self-promotion and musical equipment.

The year ended on a sad note with the sudden death of President Al Grant while still in post in the middle of his 2 year term.

Choir Secretary 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

