

## **Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir**

### **Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm**

President: Alex Findlay

Vice President: Neil Sommerville

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, Alex Ferguson

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

This year has been energised by the settling in of the partnership of the Musical Director and Accompanist who are both half the age of the average choir member. This also has a welcome challenging effect in terms of new music and concentration required, all in a spirit of encouragement and good humour. This is reflected in a continuing strong membership and high levels of attendance at choir practices.

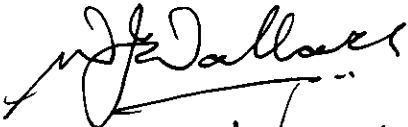
The choir continues to be invited to concert venues throughout the greater Ayrshire area, mainly to Churches and their associated organisations, but also in support of major Charitable organisations throughout the area. These concerts in themselves produce new contacts with other musical groups and act as a recruitment opportunity for new choir members

Choir singing numbers this year made it to 54 for a short time thanks in part to the success of the Student Scholarship Scheme. This number over the year, for various reasons, fell back to 50 and so the long term target of 55 remains in place. As previously reported this number gives the choir real flexibility when some members are ill or have work/holiday commitments.

At last year's AGM mention was made of a grant received to support various choir developments. Significant progress has been made in spending this fund particularly on enhanced musical equipment, transport, and in spreading our community contacts.

This year the Choir is looking to update its Constitution reflecting changes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. These changes, when ratified by the choir membership, will be submitted and approved via OSCR the charities regulator.

Choir Secretary 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

  
W. J. C. WALLACE