

THE WEST GALLERY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Charitable Incorporated Organisation,

Registered Number 1171664

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Claverdon Church Centre, Church Road, Claverdon, CV35 8PD at 12.30 on Saturday, 17th May, 2025. Members were welcomed by the elected Association Chair, Gillian Warson.

1. Quorum. 46 members present: as current membership was declared by the Membership Secretary to be 364 the Chair declared the meeting quorate.
2. Apologies. Received from Ken Baddeley, Brenda Bennett, Alison Biddle, Andrew and Zuzanna Foster-Fake, Diana Gower, Philippa Hughes, David Jacobs, Linda Reed and David Stow.
3. Minutes of Fifth AGM. Jacqueline Patten proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record; seconded by Paul Guppy. By show of hands this was accepted, but with one vote against and with one abstention.
4. Trustees' Annual Report. Jack Crawford pointed out that there appeared to be some non-conformity with procedures, including that less than 14 days' clear notice had been given to members of the content of the report, and that the names of ten trustees were included on the entry on the Charities Commission website. The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short period to allow for discussion amongst the trustees, all of whom were present at the discussion. On re-opening the meeting the Chair announced that the trustees would review procedures for conforming closely with the constitutional requirements concerning periods of notice, and of promulgation of relevant information to members.
The Trustees' Annual Report had been posted on the Charities Commission website on 29th April [CHECK] and the names of trustees included three who were currently serving by co-option. A full copy of the report had been on display for members during the day.
Two issues were raised as matters arising: Charlotte Bailey enquired whether all quires' information concerning performances were included in the report, to which the Chair responded that details from all the returns had been used in compilation of the relevant table; and Alyson Brailsford enquired as to usage of the Association Facebook page, to which Phil Price responded on behalf of the trustees confirming that it was the intention to increase use of this potentially-valuable means of raising the profile and appeal of the music. Paul Guppy proposed, and Julia Jacobs seconded, that the meeting receive the Trustees' Annual Report. This passed by show of hands, with five abstentions and no votes against.
5. Annual statement of accounts, and report of the independent examiner. This was presented by Richard Percival as Treasurer. A motion to accept these was proposed by Charlotte Bailey and seconded by Graham Lee, and passed by show of hands with no votes contra and no abstentions. In response to a question from the floor on funds held by the former Beaminster Gallery Quire, the Treasurer confirmed that these had been lodged with the Association, but only as a stop-gap measure while a successor body, the Broadwindsor Gallery Quire, was in process of formation. To a further question concerning the extent of funds held by the Association the Treasurer confirmed that the trustees were alive to the duty to use these in furtherance of our declared charitable objectives: in practical terms this included providing support for events such as the current weekend singing days; absorbing some of the costs inherent in production of music books; providing grants to individuals for

specific research or study projects; and conducting the recent survey amongst the membership.

6. Election of Trustees. The Chair invited the current co-optees, John Mansbridge, Graham Lees, and Phil Price, to introduce themselves. Richard Percival was due to stand down as a trustee in rotation, but confirmed that he was willing to stand again for election. The Secretary confirmed that no further names had been proposed for consideration as trustees. *At this point Gillian Warson felt unable to continue with the meeting, and left.*
By nomination of the Trustees the remaining business of the meeting was conducted under chairmanship of Richard Percival.
Richard Percival was then proposed as a trustee by Richard Warson and seconded by Bob Booth; John Mansbridge proposed by Paul Guppy and seconded by Jill Holland; Phil Price by Richard Warson and seconded by Edwin Macadam; and Graham Lee proposed by Richard Warson and seconded by Caroline Ungood-Thomas. At suggestion by the Chair that the votes for all the posts be taken together the meeting voted for all the candidates *nem con*, but with one abstention.
7. Any other business. No issues were raised.
8. Next meeting. This is intended to be held at Derwent Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Saturday 16th May 2026. Further details will be announced nearer this date.