Meeting minutes Thursday 15th October 2026

1. Apologies, Clare, Neil, Ralph (& Marketing team)

2. Making Music Awards – no joy

City of Culture – still ongoing

Minutes accepted

3. AOB – Safeguarding

4. Agenda items

a. **Current website:** committee minutes not on – **Katrin** to sort. Concerts to be added to front page – **Katrin**

New website – **Katrin** to receive training before the go-live date on adding new content to new website, and mailing list will be transferred. New website is on target for the end of the year and we suggest a go-live immediately after the January concert. There will be a draft website to be reviewed by all the committee.

For the next two concerts (Jan & July) we are going to hire a photographer – **River to make initial enquiries** and we can ask the membership as well later if necessary, and we can potentially advise audience members who don't want to be photographed to sit closer to the back.

b. **Marketing.** This was **n**ot discussed as new members not presented but Chris to liaise with them. **Daniel Dunkley** (violin 2) has volunteered to organise programme printing and he is to be put in touch with Lisa & Kate who have done this role up to now (**action for Chris**)

New members to be advised on the Join Us page that images of them may be used for promotional purposes – **Katrin to sort**

c. Ticket sales going well. 20 free tickets for foster families to be issued for the Xmas concert to be paid for by the Endcliffe, not SYO.

d. **Progress on the appointment of trombone vacancy.** Daniel chosen – advert to come off website **(Katrin)**. Also, we need to check if Tom and Jacob of the percussion section have officially joined (John).

e. **Accessibility (NOT disability)**. The committee agreed there were no actions required, other than ensuring earplugs were available to the orchestra (action – **Matt**)

f. **Actions for the orchestra's 50th anniversary.** Matt to look into merchandise and may ask the orchestra for their views. We will arrange a 50th Birthday Party and also rebrand the July concert for this. Venues for the party to be sourced by the committee, and a poll to be put out on three dates, for the Friday the day before the concert, the Friday a week earlier and one other (no one was assigned this task).

g. **Advance notice of concert arrangements e.g. movement of timpani and large instruments to Victoria Hall.** John and Karen to deal with and liaise with SYO.

5. AOB – **Safeguarding role** – Catherine Crompton has volunteered and this needs to go on the website (**Katrin**)

6. Date and place of next meeting : 19th November and Chris's.