

**Minutes of the AGM of Colne Endeavour Band**  
**Registered Charity Number: 1213420**  
**Friday 17th October 2025**  
**@ St. Margaret's Church, Stansted Rd, Colchester**

**Opened: 19:47**

**1. Welcome (Rita - Chair)**

Welcome to everyone to the first official meeting of the Colne Endeavour Band CIO. Meeting officially opened. General housekeeping discussed.

**2. Apologies for absence (Heather - Secretary)**

Frank, Amanda, Dennis, Val, Eric, Sarah, George, Marcia

**3. Trustees' Report (Rita - Chair)**

Rita shared that the Trustees have produced a report, which has been available to read on the website. There are also hard copies still available on the table. Members given a chance to collect a copy and have a read now if they haven't already done so.

No questions were raised about the report.

**Proposed: Joy**

**Seconded: Sue J**

**4. Treasurer's Report (Roger - Treasurer)**

- Roger offered out extra copies of the report previously circulated to members for anyone who hasn't yet seen them.
- The summary sheet shows income and expenditure.
- The figures are fairly similar over the last 3 years
- There were no extra purchases up to the end of June when we were the unassociated organisation.
- Since forming as the CIO, there have been a couple of purchases: the band flags, Red Cross First Aid Training, Safeguarding Level 3 Training, along with the usual expenditure.

**Note: Treasurer's Report for AGM shows accounts for Colne Endeavour Music Trust up until the date of its closure on 30th June, when assets were transferred to Colne Endeavour Band CIO. Full accounts for the first financial year of the CIO will be available at the next AGM.**

**Bank Figures at date of AGM: Current Account: £3,597.18     Deposit Account: £4,259**

**Question: why were the accounts not audited?**

**Answer: They don't have to be audited, only independently verified (per Charity Commission guidelines). The man who checks them for us does it for free.**

**Proposed: Ben C**

**Seconded: Andy R**

**5. Musical Director's Report (Robert)**

***[paraphrased]***

It has been a successful year – was going to read them out but they are all listed on the website.

Number of players has been growing since COVID, which is encouraging for the band. We have some new players – welcome to them.

**A new piece written by Nigel Hildrith.**

**Thanks to Nigel and Dennis for conducting for us too.**

**Thanks to those helping with moving the library**

**Loves the band, the gigs, finding the music, seeing and hearing players develop their musical skills.**

**It is fun.**

**Proposed: Jenny**

**Seconded: Monica**

## **6. Trustee Elections**

**Ruth explained the process. Everyone will get a voting slip and members can put an X next to every person they wish to vote on as a Trustee.**

**Question: If there are 6 candidates putting themselves forward, aren't they all automatically elected?**

**Answer: 11.2 of the Constitution states, "Any decision of the members of the band taken by means of a resolution at a general meeting may be passed by a simple majority of votes cast at the meeting (including votes cast by email ballot)". So, the decision to appoint any individual trustee has to be by a majority vote of the band members, which is why we're doing it this way.**

**Members present to vote: 25**

**Digital votes received: 7**

**Total votes: 32**

**Majority needed to be voted on: 16**

**Jenny G and Sue J counted up the votes received**

**Results of the vote to become a trustee:**

- **Ruth Cross – Elected**
- **Elizabeth Kelly – Not Elected**
- **Heather Lomas – Elected**
- **Roger Palmer – Elected**
- **Rita Skinner – Elected**
- **Ed Smith – Elected**

## **7. Presentation of cup**

**Rita explained what the cup is for and that it has been around for many years.**

**The cup this year is going to someone who does an incredible amount for the band not just this year but every year. You have heard from him already tonight: Robert!**

## **8. Close, Refreshments & Raffle**

**Raffle called. Refreshments offered.**

**Meeting closed: 20:16**