# MINUTES

For the AGM of Colne Endeavour Band
Registered Charity Number: 1213420
Friday 16th October 2026

@ St. Margaret's Church, Stansted Rd, Colchester

**Start: 19:47**

**1.Welcome**
Everyone welcomed to the meeting and thanked for coming out.

**2. Apologies for absence:**
Jenny Griffin; Sharon Blyth; Caroline Parkin; Frank Lamosa; George Branagh; Sue Hill; David Huggon; Sue John; Christine Shields; Sarah Andrews; Amanda Peacock; Dennis Mitchell; Eric Neish; Joy Smalley

**Minutes of 2026 AGM:**

- Questions: none
- Proposed: Susan Jenner Seconded: Ben Cross

**3. Trustee's Report**
This has been available on the members' section of the website for everyone to read. Rita summarised the key points of the report.

Statement read out to clarify the transition from the Colne Endeavour Music Trust to Colne Endeavour Band CIO as some members were unclear on a few points.

Questions: What is a CIO? Ruth explained
(*no proposing required*)

**4. Treasurer's Report**
Accounts have been available to view on the members' section of the website. Have had some big purchases: gazebos, flags and music. We had a large £1000 anonymous donation. Raffle is also a key source of income for us.
Questions: none
Proposed: Andy Rose Seconded: David Harrison

**5. Musical Director's Report (*Robert*)**
[summarised] We've had 10-11 gigs as well as a successful concert for ourselves, with at least 16 acts contributing to it. It was one of the best days of the year! We had 3 gigs last Christmas (including St Margaret's and St Botolph's), some gigs that we've played before (such as Five

Parishes, Tollgate) and some new gigs (Wakes Colne, Coggeshall). Thanks to our guest conductors: Geoff Harniess and Dennis Mitchell. We've also had new members on board, which has been lovely. Additionally, some new music has been bought across the year, including some new music for Christmas this year.

*At the end of the report, Robert was thanked by the Trustees for his ongoing commitment to conducting the band.

**6. Trustee Elections**

- Elections carried out by secret ballot; votes counted by Susan Jenner & Kate Gladwin
- Those up for election: Heather Lomas (standing for re-election); Ed Smith (standing for re-election); George Branagh (new); David Harrison (new)
- Those elected: Heather Lomas; Ed Smith; George Branagh; David Harrison

**7. Presentation of cup & Awards: (Rita)**

- Band Cup – presented to Dennis Mitchell – in recognition of his ongoing contributions to the band – creating arrangements, conducting, playing and support. (unable to attend so will be presented another time)

- 25 year award – Pete Hammersley. (unable to attend so this will be presented at a later date)

- Val thanked for all of her hard work with the library over this year. It has been an incredible transformation and we are now well set up. Val is taking a break for a little bit, but Joy and Nick have offered to support with the library.

- Thank you to everyone who helps with the teas/coffees and raffle every week. Thank you to all members for their support over the year.

**8. Close: 20:12**