Raiders Performing Arts

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held on: Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Hermitage School, St Johns, Woking

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairperson, Richard Roche, opened the meeting and welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting of Raiders Performing Arts. He thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation for their ongoing support of the organisation and its young members.

Present:

- Richard Roche – Chairperson
- Paul Newman – Band Leader
- Fiona Spittles – Treasurer
- Angela Banks – Trustee
- Paul Banks – Trustee
- Amy Hill – Trustee

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairperson presented his annual report for the year ended 31st December 2025. He highlighted the continued growth and success of the organisation, noting that membership would not be possible without the commitment of members and staff, volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors and supporters.

The key achievement of the year was the investment in uniforms and equipment, which has helped strengthen our image. The committee agreed that this has really smartened up our appearance and made the children involved feel proud to wear.

Mr. Roche expressed his gratitude to all volunteers, committee members, and especially to Band Leader Paul Newman, whose drive and commitment continue to inspire members and families alike.

The full Chairman's Report was adopted by the meeting.

Proposed by: Paul Newman Seconded by: Fiona Spittles

Vote: Carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Presented by: Fiona Spittles

This year has been another strong one financially for Raiders Performing Arts, with a net profit of £632 for the year, following investing heavily in the band in terms of uniform, equipment and travel.

Our main source of income this year has been from donations, gift aid and sponsorship, and we have been very lucky to gain grants from many sources, including Asda, Tesco, our local councillors, alongside huge amounts of sponsorship monies from the band leader running events, parent and local supporters donations, plus the Christmas concert and carols at Asda in Sheerwater.

We aim to keep our fees as low as possible for members so that the activity is accessible to all, regardless of background, ethnicity, ability or any other situation that may prevent them from attending, so fundraising is key to our success.

In terms of expenditure, our biggest outlay is rent, we work from a school, and we hire a number of rooms within the school, and our termly rent is in the region of £3,500 per term. In addition, in school holidays and some weekends, we hire local facilities to provide holiday rehearsal time. Other notable expenses this year, which are an increase on last year is uniform. This has been a good investment for the band, giving us a bespoke smart uniform which will last us for years to come. Our other large expense is equipment, and this includes updating some old equipment for the band and colourguard.

It has been a positive year in terms of profit, we are a none profit making organisation, and have broken even, which is ideal.

Going forward, there is no reason to believe that the income will reduce for future years, providing that we work hard to obtain grants and additional funding.

Proposed by: Paul Newman Seconded by: Angela Banks

Vote: Carried unanimously.

4. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by	Result
Chairperson	Richard Roche	Paul Newman	Fiona Spittles	Elected
Band Leader	Paul Newman	Richard Roche	Amy Hill	Confirmed
Treasurer	Fiona Spittles	Richard Roche	Paul Newman	Elected
Secretary	Amy Hill	Paul Newman	Angela Banks	Elected
Trustee	Angela Banks	Fiona Spittles	Amy Hill	Elected

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5. Plans for the Year Ahead

The Chairperson shared plans for the 2026 season, including:

- The band performing at Soundsport in Burgess Hill in March 2026, where Raiders will have more than 100 members present and performing in total.
- A busy summer schedule of community events and performances already booked.
- Continued focus on improving the musical programme, member development, and community engagement.

6. Any Other Business

Next Year's Goals

Looking forward to 2026, we have entered our Colourguard section into Winterguard UK, and they will be travelling all over the UK to represent Raiders in the Juniors section of the competition again The Little Stars will be competing in Kids Class. We also want to increase our music repertoire and will be asking the members to contribute ideas and thoughts on what they would like to play. In addition, we will be taking the entire band to perform at Soundsport in March, where they will be adjudicated on their performance and showcase their new uniforms.

We also have events booked already for the summer months onwards, and are working hard towards improving our musical offering for these.

It has been a very successful year, and we are very much looking forward to what 2025 will bring.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in early 2027 (date to be confirmed).

8. Meeting Closed

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their contributions and ongoing support. The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Signed: _____ Date: 6/10/26

Richard Roche, Chairperson

Raiders Performing Arts

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Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 December 2025

		£	£
Income:			
	Subscriptions	9458	
	Tuck Shop	774	
	Donations & Sponsorship	14285	
	Gift Aid	2452	
	GROSS INCOME		26969
Expenditure:			
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	Renewables	80	
	Subscriptions	318	
	Equipment	2680	
	Travel	3200	
	Rent	11074	
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	Staff	98	
	Insurance	212	
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	TOTAL EXPENSES		26337
	Net Profit for year		**632**

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I confirm that I have checked and audited the accounts of Raiders Performing Arts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Signed 

Dated 06/10/26

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