



## Constitution

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### I NAME

The name of the Society shall be 'The Redland and Cotham Amenities Society'.

### II OBJECTS

To promote such charitable objects for the benefit of the present and future community of Redland and Cotham as the Committee shall determine from time to time, and in particular to further the maintenance improvement and development of the cultural architectural and other amenities of the said community, and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupations for the said community in the interest of social welfare within the meaning of Section 1 of the Recreational Charities Act 1958.

### III FINANCE

**1. Appeals** The Committee shall have power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies for carrying out the objects of the Society.

**2. Expenses of Administration** The Committee shall out of the monies received by the Society pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society, and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society.

**3. Investment** All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its objects shall be invested by the Committee in securities in which trust money may by law be invested, with power from time to time to transpose such investments.

**4. Borrowing** The Committee may borrow for the objects of the Society such monies at such rate of interest and in such a manner as it may think fit.

**5. Winding Up** In the event of the winding up of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as may be chosen by the Committee and approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

### IV MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two classes of members:

1. Ordinary members;
2. Honorary members, elected by the Committee.

## **V SUBSCRIPTIONS**

1. Ordinary members shall pay such subscriptions as shall most recently have been decided at an Annual General Meeting.
2. Payment of the subscription shall be in respect of the current calendar year. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid by the time of the Annual General Meeting.

## **VI OFFICERS**

1. The Officers shall be a Secretary and a Treasurer, both posts being honorary.
2. The Officers shall be members of the Society.
3. At the Annual General Meeting both the Officers shall relinquish office, and shall be eligible for re-election.
4. Nominations for the election of the Officers, supported by a seconder, and with the consent of the nominee, shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. If the nominator or the seconder or the nominee is not present at the Annual General Meeting, his or her signature to the nomination or to the consent (as the case may be) shall have been supplied beforehand to the Secretary.
5. The election of the Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members.
6. A President may be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society for a period to be decided at that meeting.

## **VII COMMITTEE**

1. The Committee shall consist of the Officers, each of whom shall have a vote, and not more than twelve other voting members.
2. The President may attend meetings of the Committee, but neither the President nor any co-opted member may vote at any such meeting.
3. A quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be four voting members.
4. At the Annual General Meeting of the Society all those members of the Committee who shall have served as members of the Committee but not as Officers for the immediately preceding three successive years shall retire, and shall be eligible for re-election. All co-opted members, and all members appointed by the Committee on the occasion of a casual vacancy, shall retire, and shall be eligible for election as members of the Committee.
5. Nominations for election to the Committee, supported by a seconder, and with the consent of the nominee, shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. If the nominator or the seconder or the nominee is not present at the Annual General Meeting, his or her signature to the nomination or to the consent (as the case may be) shall have been supplied beforehand to the Secretary.
6. If the nominations exceed the vacancies the elections shall be determined by vote.

## **VIII POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall have the power:

1. to take any action to further the objects of the Society.
2. to appoint its own Chairman.
3. to fill any casual vacancy in the post of an Officer.
4. to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting, and to co-opt members.

5. to appoint sub-committees for special purposes and to delegate such powers to them as it shall think fit. The Officers of the Society are ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

6. to appoint an auditor, trustees and honorary members.

## **IX ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. An Annual General Meeting of the Society, chaired by either the President or the Chairman of the Committee, shall be held in or about October of each year to transact the following business:

- a. Election of the Officers and, if necessary, the President and Committee members.
- b. Adoption of the Society's Annual Report.
- c. Adoption of the accounts for the previous financial year and, if they were audited, the approval of the Auditor's fee (if any). The financial year shall be from 1 October to 30 September.
- d. Determination of the rate of subscription for the following year, if different from that of the current year.
- e. Such other business as may have been determined by the Committee or the Chairman of the Committee or the President.

2. The Secretary shall give to all members at least 28 days' notice of the day, and 7 days' notice of the time, place and agenda, of the Annual General Meeting.

3. The quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty paid-up Ordinary members.

4. Voting shall be by show of hands or by ballot at the discretion of the Chair of the said meeting. Every paid-up Ordinary member has one vote, and the Chair of the meeting has a casting vote.

## **X EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee, or shall be convened within 28 days on the requisition in writing of not less than twenty members of the Society given to the Secretary, stating the purpose for which such a meeting is required. The Secretary shall give at least seven days' notice of the day, time, place and agenda of such a Meeting. The quorum and voting shall be the same as for an Annual General Meeting.

## **XI ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be repealed amended or added to by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the Annual or any Extraordinary General Meeting, provided that notice of such repeal amendment or addition has been duly given in accordance with this Constitution, and provided that no proposed repeal amendment or addition shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object