

CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME.** The association's name is THE CORNWALL SYMPHONY CHORUS (The Chorus).

2. **OBJECTS. The Chorus' objects (The Objects) are to** draw together residents from Cornwall and surrounding counties, for the purposes of singing together, and to give young musicians the opportunity to perform with a large chorus.

3. **POWERS. In managing the Chorus, the Officers have the following powers to further the Objects:**

(a) to raise money for the purposes of covering expenses and to make donations to charity.

(b) to rent any necessary premises and equipment.

(c) to receive contributions through membership fees, donations, concerts and other income.

(d) to open and operate a bank account in the Chorus' name.

(e) to carry out any other lawful things as are necessary to achieve the Objects.

4. **MEMBERSHIP.**

(a) Membership of the Chorus shall be at the discretion of the Musical Director/chorus master by audition, or any person nominated by him.

(b) "If any Officer, member of the General Committee or the Musical Director believes an individual's behaviour is detrimental to the Chorus, the Officers will notify the individual that their membership is being revoked and of its reasons for the revocation.

(c) There shall be no maximum aggregate membership, but numbers in each voice section shall be decided by the Musical Director.

(d) Honorary membership may be conferred on any person deemed worthy by the General Committee

5. **OFFICERS.**

The Officers of the Chorus shall be (a) Chairman (b) Treasurer and (c) Secretary. Together, the Officers will be known as the Executive Committee. The Officers will be elected at an Annual General Meeting by the members and there shall be no limit to the number of consecutive years they may stand. If they are to stand unopposed then there shall be no vote taken

If an Officer resigns prior to an AGM the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement until the next A.G.M. The Executive Committee may co-opt any person who has an expertise not available within the Executive Committee.

6. **GENERAL COMMITTEE.**

The General Committee will consist of the Executive Committee plus a representative from each voice section. The Officers and members of the General Committee are indemnified by the Chorus against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and bona fide incurred on behalf of the Chorus.

7. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Officers may regulate their meetings as they see fit. Two-thirds of committee members will constitute a quorum and must be present in order for a meeting to take place. The Chairman shall chair all meetings or a designated deputy in their absence. All meetings must be minuted and accessible to members of the choir.

8. GENERAL MEETING.

A General Meeting of the members will be held within one year of the adoption of this Constitution. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in March in each subsequent year. The Secretary will give each member at least 21 days notice of the date, time and place of each General Meeting. 15% of members shall form a quorum. The Secretary or an appointed deputy shall keep minutes of each General Meeting, which shall be approved and signed as a true record at the next Annual General Meeting.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members may be called at any time by the Officers or by 15% of current members of the Chorus. At least three weeks' notice shall be given to all members of the date, time, place and purpose of the Extraordinary General Meeting. When an Extraordinary General Meeting is held on the same day as the Annual General Meeting, the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held first. 15% of members shall form a quorum. The Secretary or an appointed deputy shall keep minutes of each Extraordinary General Meeting, which shall be approved and signed as a true record at the next Annual General Meeting.

10. FINANCE.

(a) Any money received by the Officers on behalf of the Chorus including donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into the Chorus bank account.

(b) All funds must be applied solely to the Objects.

(c) The Officers shall open a bank account in the name of the Chorus. Any financial transactions relating to the Chorus' bank account must be signed by the Treasurer and one other Officer.

(d) All income/expenditure shall be recorded in accounts kept by the Treasurer who properly manages the Chorus' funds. These financial records shall be audited annually by an examiner elected at the A.G.M., and shall be available for inspection by any member on giving one month's notice to the Treasurer.

(e) No Officer and Committee Member shall receive any payment for their time and services, but may receive reasonable expenses when acting on behalf of the Chorus.

(f) The accounting year shall run from 1st January to 31st December

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Any requests for Amendments to this constitution must be notified to the Secretary. The Secretary shall call a special general meeting to discuss such proposals, giving members at least 21 days' notice.

12. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHORUS.

The Chorus may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at a special general meeting. The Officers must collect in all assets of the Chorus and pay, or make provision for, all liabilities of the Chorus. Any remaining assets or funds after debts have been paid shall be transferred to local charities.

This constitution was adopted by all members present at a meeting on 25 March 2011, and evidenced by:

Signed:.....Chairman

Signed:.....Secretary

Signed:.....Treasurer