**CONSTITUTION OF THE CLARK COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**(Established February 2010)
Amended 29th Jan 2023
Amended 27th April 2025**

The Organisation shall be called “The Clark Community Choir” hereafter known as CCC.

**PURPOSE:**
The overall purpose for the CCC will be the:
Advancement of education
Advancement of the arts, heritage and culture
Advancement of citizenship and community development

**OBJECTS:**
The main object of the CCC shall be:
The bringing together of people of all ages and backgrounds to promote, improve and maintain public education and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects.  In order to help people to develop their singing and music skills and in the presentation of public concerts.
The CCC shall seek to raise awareness among members of the choir to the needs of others and to raise money for local, national and international causes.
A subsidiary object shall be the provision of an active social programme for the members of the CCC.

**MEMBERSHIP:**
The membership shall consist of multi-generational members of all ages from the local community. When younger members are present there should be a minimum of two supervising adults
No fee will be charged for membership, the CCC undertaking to raise funds through other means.
On joining the CCC, all members must agree to abide by the code of conduct issued to members. These can be found on the CCC website backstage page.

**MANAGEMENT:**
The affairs of the CCC shall be conducted by the trustees, hereafter known as the committee.
The maximum number of people on the committee is 15.
Members must adhere to the decisions of the committee regarding management and organisation of the CCC.
Members of the committee will perform the functions of Office Bearers in the following categories:
Chair Person
Treasurer
Secretary
Vice Chair Person
Office Bearers will be elected by the members of CCC who are present at the AGM and should serve no longer than a 3 year term in the same post.
All shall meet on a regular basis, at least six times a year, to manage the affairs of the CCC.  The times of these meetings to be fixed by agreement of the committee. The meetings may take place face to face or on a virtual/digital platform.
Any member wishing to put themselves forward to join the committee must give 4 weeks’ notice and be proposed and seconded by other members.
Should there be a greater number of people proposed than places on the committee, then a ballot will take place by the members attending the AGM.
Should there be no members put themselves forward to fill  the office bearing positions of Chairperson, vice chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer there will be an interim period of 2/3 months where other committee members will rotate in filling the role, until the position has been filled. If after the interim period there is still no one willing to fill the position, members will be asked to attend an extra ordinary AGM to vote on the future of CCC.
Office Bearers can be re-elected by members after their 3 year term if necessary.
A committee member wishing to resign should give 4 weeks’ notice in writing to the secretary.
A committee Member shall be deemed to have resigned either if they have failed to attend a single meeting in one year or shown no interest in the affairs of the CCC for some time.
Should a meeting not be scheduled for some time and an emergency situation arises which requires immediate decision, this may be made by three out of the four office bearers. In the event of a tie, the casting vote to be made by the Chairperson.

**MEETINGS:**
General meetings of members shall not be called other than that for the purpose of training, instruction, performance and social activities.
Members shall meet on a regular basis for training, instruction, performance and social activities.
The committee shall invite members to attend an Annual General Meeting in the month of April, giving 28 days notice to:
To read and approve previous years’ minutes
To approve audited accounts
To receive a report from the Chairperson
To appoint an Auditor for the CCC’s accounts for the next financial year.
To elect Office Bearers
To consider changes to the Constitution
To vote on nominations for New Executive Committee members
To deal with other relevant business

**VOTING:**
With the exception of changes to the Constitution, decisions put to the vote at meetings of the committee shall be resolved with a simple majority.  In the event of no majority, the Chair will have the casting vote.

**QUORUM:**
The quorum for all meetings of the committee shall be at least fifty per cent of their number.
Any changes in the Constitution shall require at least two thirds majority of those present at the AGM.

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS:**
The financial year shall run from 1st February to 31st January each year.
The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts of the CCC.
The accounts shall be audited by an independent person appointed annually by the committee.
All cheques drawn against the CCC’s funds shall be signed by any two of the Treasurer, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
As trustees, all committee members of the CCC shall be considered to be jointly responsible for the financial liabilities of the CCC.
All CCC members including Executive Committee Members shall not be remunerated except for travel expenses during official CCC business.

**BYE LAWS:**
The Executive Committee shall have the power to publish and enforce any bye-laws as they feel necessary to govern the activities of the CCC.

**DISSOLUTION:**
In the event of the dissolution of the CCC (or at any other time), none of the CCC assets maybe distributed or otherwise applied except to further its charitable purposes.  It is recommended that any assets, after all debts are discharged, be paid to the Save the Children Fund.
The Clark Community Choir is a Registered Charity No.SCO41855

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