

COLINTON & MERCHISTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

Colinton & Merchiston Community Choir (formerly Colinton and Merchiston Choir) (“the choir”).

2 AIMS

As a non-profit making organisation to further enjoyment of choral singing within the community. In furtherance thereof to learn, sing, enjoy and perform choral music in a community setting including, without limitation, to organise concerts and other events at which members and invited guests perform choral and other works.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in choral music. No audition to join the choir is required. A member can be removed from membership by resolution of the committee that it is in the best interests of the choir that their membership is terminated.

4 ACTIVITIES

Two performances per year normally in Winter and Spring and choral singing sessions and other events during the year as the committee may consider appropriate in furtherance of its AIMS. Choir members are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of rehearsals in order to take part in the performances. (This is to try and ensure that each performance is of a reasonably high standard.)

5 SUBSCRIPTION

A subscription to be a member shall be agreed by the committee from time to time.

6 FINANCE

Accounts shall be kept to show receipts and payments of the choir. The accounts shall be examined by a suitably competent person as shall be approved by the choir at the AGM each year. The financial year shall be 1 August to 31 July each year. All monies collected by the choir shall be made payable to the Colinton & Merchiston Community Choir and not to any individual.

7 COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of four office bearers – namely, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian - plus up to six others. Persons shall be committee members for up to three consecutive years and then eligible for re-election. The committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the committee as required.

In furtherance of its AIMS, but not otherwise, the committee shall have power to manage and administer the choir and to enter into contracts on behalf of the choir

including, without limitation, to enter into a contract for services with the Music Director.

8 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings shall be convened as required. A quorum shall be four. The Chair shall have a casting vote if required. The committee may appoint sub-committees as it thinks fit.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) AGM shall require 14 days' notice.

Business of the AGM is to:

- (i) Receive a report from the committee.
- (ii) Receive a statement of receipts and payments for the year.
- (iii) Elect office bearers and committee members.
- (iv) Approve the person appointed by the committee to examine the accounts
- (v) Any other competent business

(b) Ordinary General Meeting shall require 14 days' notice.

(c) Extraordinary General Meeting.

An EGM shall require 7 days' notice and shall be convened by the committee or 10% of the members.

(d) Meetings shall be conducted as follows:

- (i) Motions shall be passed by a simple majority of those present, by ballot, or show of hands.
- (ii) Paid up members are entitled to vote and the Chair shall have an additional casting vote if required.

(e) Altering the Constitution may be at an Extraordinary General Meeting by a majority vote.

(f) Quorum at all General Meetings shall be 20% of the membership of the choir.

10 DISSOLUTION

(a) Dissolution of the choir shall be agreed by the members at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

(b) Any surplus funds on dissolution shall be passed to Merchiston Castle School for use in the Music School.