

FEN EDGE VOICES (FEV) COMMUNITY CHOIR

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the organisation is Fen Edge Voices (FEV) Community Choir ("the Choir").

2. Aim

The aim of the Choir is:

To provide an accessible community choir that builds community and facilitates opportunities for improving mental health and wellbeing.

3. Management and Committee

The Choir shall be managed by a Management Committee.

Committee members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall serve for a term of one year. Committee members may stand for re-election at the AGM.

The Committee shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than ten members, including the following officers:

Chair

- Secretary
- Treasurer

4. Powers of the Committee

In order to carry out the aim of the Choir, the Committee has the power to:

1. Raise funds, receive grants and donations, and collect subscriptions.
2. Apply funds to carry out the activities of the Choir.
3. Do anything lawful and necessary to achieve the aim.

5. Membership

1. Membership is open to all adults aged 18 or over who support the aims of the Choir.
2. Members shall pay subscriptions as agreed by the Committee.
3. The Committee shall maintain an up-to-date membership list.

Termination of Membership

The Committee may remove a person's membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the Choir.

Before a decision is made, the member has the right to be heard by the Committee and may be accompanied by a friend. The Committee's decision shall be final.

6. Committee Meetings

- 1. The Committee shall meet at least three times each year.**
- 2. A quorum shall be three Committee members.**
- 3. Decisions shall be made by simple majority.**
- 4. Committee members must declare any conflict of interest and withdraw from discussion where appropriate.**
- 5. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings.**

The Committee may appoint sub-committees or allocate additional roles to Committee members as required.

7. General Meetings

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 1. An AGM shall be held every year with at least 14 days' written notice to all members.**
- 2. The Committee shall present a report and accounts for the previous year.**
- 3. Every member has one vote.**
- 4. Members shall elect Committee members at the AGM.**
- 5. The quorum for an AGM shall be ten members or one third of the membership, whichever is greater.**

General Meetings

A General Meeting may be called by the Committee or upon written request from a majority of members. At least 14 days' notice shall be given. Decisions relating to changes to the constitution or dissolution require a two-thirds majority.

8. Finance

- 1. The Choir's income and property shall be used solely to further its aim.**
- 2. A bank account shall be held in the name of the Choir with at least two authorised signatories.**
- 3. Proper accounts shall be kept and presented at the AGM.**

- 4. Committee members shall not receive payment from the Choir except for reimbursement of reasonable expenses.**

9. Dissolution

If the Choir is dissolved, any remaining assets after payment of debts shall be transferred to another community or charitable organisation with similar aims, as agreed at a General Meeting.