

# CONSTITUTION OF OBAN MUSIC SOCIETY

## 1. TITLE

The Society shall be known as "Oban Music Society" (hereinafter called "the Society").

## 2. OBJECTS

The purpose of the Society shall be to promote and encourage the study, practice and knowledge of music in Oban and the surrounding district and of other educational, artistic and cultural purposes connected therewith.

## 2. POLICY

In order to achieve the objects stated in paragraph 2 the Society will:-

- (a) Organise musical concerts and recitals and other presentations of an educational, cultural and artistic nature.
- (b) Co-operate with local authorities and local dramatic, artistic, cultural and educational societies to promote the establishment of local concert halls, theatres, art centres and other similar institutions.
- (c) Do Any other acts which are incidental to the attainment of the objects.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION

Any person, company or body may apply for membership. The Executive Committee shall have power in their discretion to accept or reject applications for membership. On payment of the subscription, the applicants shall become members of the Society: in the event of any member allowing his subscription to be in arrears for more than one year, he shall cease to be a member. The Executive Committee shall maintain a Register of the members. The Annual Subscription shall be such sum as shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.

## 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the administration, management and control of the affairs and property of the Society.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than twelve and not less than three members, exclusive of officers who shall be members of the Executive Committee ex officio. Five committee members shall form a quorum.
- (c) The first members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by a Meeting of members to be held within fourteen days of the Society being constituted. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall be appointed by members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the members of the Executive Committee shall retire each year but shall be eligible for re-election.
- (d) The Executive Committee may establish sub-committees for such purpose and on such terms and conditions as they shall deem necessary.

## 6. OFFICERS

(a) The following officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee, and shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee:-

- 1 The Chairman;
- 2 The Vice-Chairman;
- 3 The Treasurer;
- 4 The Secretary;
- 5 Such other officers as the Society may appoint.

(b) The Officers shall be responsible for such duties as the Executive Committee shall decide from time to time.

(c) The Officers shall be appointed for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election on retirement.

## 7. HONORARY PRESIDENT

The members of the Society may from time to time at an Annual General Meeting appoint any person to be Honorary President of the Society, and may regulate the terms and conditions of such an appointment.

## 8. INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS

- (a) The annual accounts shall be inspected each year by a suitably qualified independent person, who shall submit their report to the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The independent inspector shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.<sup>1</sup>

## 9. MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

- (a) The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting in each year.
- (b) A Special Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Secretary on the written request of 9 members or on the unanimous written request of the Officers, or on the written request of a majority of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Seven clear days' notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary for all meetings of the Society; the notice shall state the reason for calling the meeting and in the case of a Special Meeting, the terms of any resolution to be put before the Society shall be annexed to such notice. Notices sent by post shall be deemed to have been received on the second day after posting.
- (d) Eight members of the Society or such greater number as the Society at an Annual General Meeting may determine, shall form a quorum, for an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> New paragraph 8 inserted at AGM 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

(e) Either the Annual General Meetings or Special Meetings may be entirely virtual meetings or hybrid meetings as the circumstances allow.<sup>2</sup>

## 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include the election of the Executive Committee, the appointment of an Auditor and the consideration of an annual report, which shall be prepared by the - Executive Committee, of the work done by the Society and of the report of the Auditor and the accounts of the Society.

(b) The Agenda and accounts shall be circulated to all members together with the notice of the meeting.

(c) Any member may have a motion placed on the Agenda by submitting it to the Secretary not less than 48 days before the Annual General Meeting.

(d) The Chairman may, at his discretion accept motions at the Annual General or Special Meeting, other than those involving changes to the Constitution.

(e) Where arrangements have been made for a meeting to be held virtually or as a hybrid meeting, the notice calling the meeting shall state that fact and include details of the means by which a person may attend the meeting virtually.<sup>3</sup>

## 11. FINANCE

(a) The funds of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as stated in paragraph 2 hereof.

(b) The Treasurer shall keep books showing all the Income and Expenditure of the Society.

(c) There shall be prepared and presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, audited accounts of the Society.

(d) No Officer or other member of the Society shall receive any remuneration or other financial benefit from the Society or its activities other than the reimbursement of expenses properly incurred by him on behalf of the Society.

## 12. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

No change shall be made to this Constitution except by a resolution approved at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of the Society by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at such a meeting, provided always that due notice of the proposed resolutions shall have been given to all members.

## 13. DISSOLUTION

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<sup>2</sup> Sub-para (e) inserted at AGM 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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(a) The Society may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at an Annual General or Special Meeting of the Society.

(b) All remaining assets of the Society at the date of dissolution shall be donated to a body having similar objects to those of the Society.

#### 14. AFFILIATION TO OTHER BODIES

The power of affiliation to or withdrawal from outside bodies shall be invested solely in the membership by a two-thirds majority at a General or Special Meeting.