

constitution



romsey youth choir

1 Name

The name of the Association is the “Romsey Youth Choir” (hereafter called “the Choir”).

2 Objects

The objects of the Choir shall be to

- 1 Study, practise and perform a wide variety of musical styles to allow members a broad musical development.
- 2 Bring children together in a socially acceptable manner.
- 3 Entertain audiences and perform in the local community.
- 4 Instil and develop confidence and self-esteem in members by public performance.
- 5 Foster team spirit inclusion as a whole group.
- 6 Experience performances of varying musical genres.
- 7 Provide the opportunity of experiencing other cultures and societies through exchanging musical experiences and knowledge.
- 8 Support local and national charities in fund-raising concerts.

The choir gives equal opportunities to all members regardless of faith, ethnicity, disability or gender.

3 Membership

(a) Singing membership shall be open to all youths aged 11 to 18 inclusive at the discretion of the Musical Director, provided that there are vacancies in appropriate parts of the Choir but it should be noted that singing members cannot be appointed to committee positions or have voting rights at committee meetings.

(b) Parent membership shall be open to all parents or persons acting as parents of singing members of the Choir.

4 Officers and Committee

The management of the Choir shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, the Musical Director and three other members. The Committee can co-opt up to three additional members if required. There may also be two choir representative members but as stated above they will not have voting rights. The officers, other than the Musical Director, and the other Committee Members shall be elected by the Parent Members of the Choir at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. Up to two officers may be elected that are not parent members.

The committee has the responsibility to ensure the RYC meets its aims and objects and that members observe the constitution. The committee will also receive the accounts of the RYC and decide on fundraising actions and policy. The committee will ensure that activities are carried out and decisions made are in the best interests of the choir.

5 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Choir shall be held before the end of November in each year and every Parent Member shall receive not less than fourteen days notice of such meeting.

An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) may be convened by the Honorary Secretary upon a request

by the Committee or one-third of the Parent Members upon a similar notice which shall state the business to be considered at the meeting. At least seven days' notice has to be given for any motion to be raised at an EGM.

The minutes of the meeting will be recorded and made available to the members.

6 Votes

At all meetings every Parent member, including the Chairman, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of the Associate and Parent Members present and voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Choir ceasing to be a charity.

7 Committee Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least three times a year and additionally as required. If the Chairman is not present the Committee shall elect a Chairman from amongst those present to take the Chair. Each Committee member, including the Chairman, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A quorum shall be four members.

The minutes of the meetings will be recorded and made available to the members.

8 Management

All arrangements for concerts and other events and the control of finances shall be in the hands of the Committee. The Musical Director shall have the power to select the music to be sung by the Choir.

9 Finance

(i) The financial year shall end on 21st November.

(ii) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Choir and cheques shall be signed by any two of the three signatories that are to be determined by the Committee.

(iii) The Choir may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.

(iv) The income and property of the Choir whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Choir as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Choir except in payment of legitimate expenses occurred on behalf of the Choir and in payment of honoraria agreed by the Committee and any moneys not required for the immediate purposes of the Choir shall be invested in securities in which trust money may lawfully be invested with power from time to time to transpose such investments.

(v) The financial accounts shall be submitted to the members of the Annual General Meeting.

10 Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution may only be altered at any duly convened General Meeting and provided the precise wording of the proposed alteration shall have been provided in the notice of the Meeting sent to Members of the Association. Only the Committee may direct that a proposed alteration to the Constitution shall be included in the notice of a General Meeting.

11 Dissolution

In the event of the Choir being wound up, any assets remaining upon dissolution after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the Choir.

Date : Next Meeting

Signed:

Chairperson

Musical Director

Secretary

Treasurer

Uniform Co-ordinator

Committee Member

Committee Member