

# Grimsby Concert Society

## Constitution

### 1. Title

The name of the Society shall be **GRIMSBY CONCERT SOCIETY**, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

### 2. Objects

The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the arts and science of music in all its aspects, by the presentation of public concerts and recitals; and for the general purposes of such charitable bodies, or for such other purposes as shall be exclusively charitable, as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

### 3. Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise, the Executive Committee may exercise the following powers:

- i. power to raise funds and to invite contributions provided that in raising funds, the Executive Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- ii. power to buy, take on lease or in exchange, any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use;
- iii. power, subject to any consents required by law, to borrow money and to charge all or part of the property of the Charity with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- iv. power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Executive Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation for staff and their dependents;
- v. power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;
- vi. power to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- vii. power to appoint and constitute such advisory committees as the Executive Committee may think fit;
- viii. power to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

### 4. Membership

The members of the Society shall be those who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the committee, all subscriptions being payable in advance.

**5. Officers and committee**

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and such other members as are approved at the Annual General Meeting. The members of the committee shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. During the election process the Chairman of the Society shall cede the chair to a member not standing for election. All members are eligible to stand for election to the Committee. Nominations, complete with proposer, seconder and the nominee's acceptance, shall be submitted, in writing, to the Society's Secretary at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting or (at the discretion of the person acting as Chairman) be nominated from the floor at the meeting. The Committee shall have power to co-opt members and non-members if and when it is deemed necessary.

**6. Management**

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the committee. Co-opted members can vote on all matters put to a vote. Whilst co-opted non-members may discuss and advise on matters before the committee, they cannot vote on any such matters

**7. Finance**

- a. The financial year shall end on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- b. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques for more than £200 shall be signed by two officers of the Society who have been authorised by the Society's bank. In all other cases one authorised signature shall be sufficient.
- c. The Society shall receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any or all of its concerts shall be offered for sale to the public.
- d. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member of members of the Society, except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

**8. Dissolution**

In the event of the Society 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 Society.

**9. General meeting**

Within six weeks of the end of each financial year the members shall be invited to an Annual General Meeting, of which at least fourteen days notice in writing shall be given.

**10. Audited accounts**

The financial accounts shall be audited or examined to the extent required by legislation or, if there is no such requirement scrutinised by a person who is independent of the committee.

**11. Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.