

LERRYNN HISTORY SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

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1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be **LERRYN HISTORY SOCIETY**

2. Objects

The objects of the organisation are

- (a) To research the history of Lerryn and surrounding area.
- (b) To preserve, maintain and continue the "Lerryn Village Archive" in a variety of media formats
- (c) To hold meetings and exhibitions for the benefit of members and the local community

3. Membership

shall be open to anyone, upon payment of a fee or fees to be decided at the Annual Meeting

4. Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the organisation may exercise the following procedures:

- i) Power to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions, provided that in raising funds for the organisation the 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 sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the organisation;
- iv) Power subject to any consents required by law to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the organisation with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- v) To recruit and support volunteers as necessary for the proper pursuit of the organisations objects;
- vi) 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;
- vii) Power to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- viii) Power to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

5. Committee

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than five people who shall be elected from the membership at each Annual General Meeting and shall include appointments to the following posts: The Officers:- Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Chairperson shall hold office for a maximum of three years and may not hold this office again except after a break of two years.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to 3 members during the course of the year

6. Meetings

- i) Meetings of the committee will be held monthly, or as deemed necessary

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of May in each year or as soon as practicable afterwards, and the Secretary is to give 14 days notice of such meeting, including date, time and venue. All decisions taken at the Annual General Meeting or an Extra-ordinary Meeting shall be by simple majority.

- ii) An Extra-ordinary Meeting may be called at any time upon 14 days notice given by the Secretary, or requested by one third of the members giving 14 days notice to the Secretary
- iii) A summary record of all meetings shall be kept by the Secretary and agreed at each subsequent meeting

7. Control of Funds and Finance

- i) Will be the responsibility of the Committee, and the Treasurer will keep proper accounts . The accounts for each financial year ended 31st March will be presented to the members at the next Annual General Meeting.
- ii) Income of the organisation shall be paid into a bank account.
- iii) Withdrawals from the bank shall require the signature of at least two of the aforesaid officers
- iv) All monies received by and belonging to the organisation shall be spent or applied in accordance with the objects of the organisation.
- v) Surplus funds from year to year shall be retained by the organisation for use as in 7(iv)

8. Change of Constitution

Any part of the constitution can only be changed at the Annual General Meeting, and with the agreement of a majority of members present

9. Dissolution

The dissolution of the organisation will be agreed by the Committee and its members at a General Meeting. Should the group be wound up by a decision of its Committee and members, then, after all its debts and liabilities have been satisfied, any remaining property shall **not** be paid or distributed among the Committee members of the organisation but **shall** be given or transferred to some other body or bodies with objects similar to the objects of the organisation.

This constitution adopted at a meeting of the members held on 22nd July 2010.

Signed

 Chair  Secretary

 Treasurer