



Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper

Registered Charity No: I049409

REVISED CONSTITUTION: Adopted unanimously at the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 16th July 2014

1. The name of the charity is 'The Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper', hereinafter referred to as the CVTN.
2. The object of the CVTN is to relieve the blind, or partially sighted, or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain, by the provision of audio recordings with content of local interest.
3. In furtherance of this object, but not otherwise, CVTN through its Management Committee shall have the following powers:
 - a. To take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trusts or not.
 - b. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise, provided that the Committee shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said object.
 - c. To utilise the Royal Mail free postage facility for the distribution of recordings to those people to whom the service currently applies.
 - d. To distribute the recordings by means other than the use of the free postage facility mentioned in 3(c) above to people other than those eligible for this service.
 - e. To make the recordings available for broadcast or download from the internet via a web site.
 - f. To do all such other things as shall further the object of the CVTN.
4. Membership of the CVTN shall be available:
 - a. Automatically to those blind, partially-sighted or disabled people in receipt of the CVTN's recordings, and
 - b. By invitation of the Committee to those actively involved in the running of the CVTN, until such time as their involvement ceases.
 - c. By invitation of the Committee to those who make a regular contribution by way of subscription, donation or otherwise.
5.
 - a. The Committee of the CVTN shall consist of:
 - i. Four Officers holding the following posts, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Technician together with at least two but not more than four ordinary members. The Committee will be elected at the

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting Retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

- ii. A maximum of three co-opted members with full voting rights.
 - b. Members of the Committee shall act in the best interests of the CVTN and shall not by word or deed bring the good name of the CVTN into disrepute.
 - c. The above Officers shall hold office until the end of the next AGM, or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), of the CVTN. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled by resolution of the Committee.
 - d. The Committee duly elected shall act as Trustees to the Charity.
6. The AGM of the CVTN shall be held in the month of June each year and every member shall receive at least fourteen days notice of such meeting. An EGM may be convened by the Committee, or three members of the Committee, or three members of the CVTN, upon a similar notice, which shall state the business to be considered at the meeting. The quorum at the AGM shall be ten.
7. At the AGM or EGM every 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.
8. The Committee of the CVTN shall meet once every three months and additionally as required. Members of the Committee shall be required to attend a minimum of two Committee Meetings in each year. Each member of the Committee including the Chairman shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
9. The funds of the charity, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name of the Charity at such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or the Secretary. All sums received pursuant to paragraph 3(b) above shall be paid into the designated bank account.
10. The Treasurer shall invest in the name of the charity any monies not required for the immediate purposes of the charity in securities or bank accounts in which Trust Monies may by law be invested with power from time to time to transpose such investments. Such securities shall have the same three signatories as for the main bank account and release of funds shall require the signature of two signatories as in 9 above.
11. Any property purchased by the CVTN shall be vested in the Committee.
12. The Committee shall with such consent as is by law required deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage or

lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by the CVTN. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the members of the CVTN, passed by a majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the CVTN, and when so passed shall in favour of a subsequent purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee, or grantee, be binding upon all members of the CVTN. A certificate purporting to be signed by the Chairman for the time being of the CVTN shall in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee or grantee be conclusive evidence that such a direction was duly given.

13. In the event of dissolution of the CVTN, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the CVTN, but shall be given or transferred to a charitable organisation or organisations with objects similar to the CVTN.
14. The Constitution may be amended by a three fourths majority of the members present at the AGM or EGM provided that 14 days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members, and provided that no alteration is made the effect of which would cause the CVTN at any time to cease to be a Charity in Law, and no alteration to Clause 2, 13 or this Clause is made without previously consulting the Charity Commissioners.

ADOPTED 16TH JULY 2014