

Constitution

of Chatterbox Community Newsgroup

1 NAME

The organization, formerly known as The Avoch & Killen News-letter Group, is to be known as **Chatterbox Community Newsgroup**, hereinafter referred to as "The Group".

2 OBJECTS

The Group shall be non-profit-making and the objects for which The Group is established are:-

To support the residents and the community of The Parishes of Avoch & Killen and adjacent villages of Rosemarkie, Fortrose and Munloch and their surrounding areas in all aspects of community life by means of the publication and promulgation of a regular community newsletter, currently entitled "Chatterbox".

In furtherance of this and in addition The Group will provide copying and printing facilities which will be available at minimal (whenever possible at cost) rates to all local voluntary bodies based within the area served (above).

The Group will also support all voluntary groups within the area served in whatever additional manner may be appropriate as may be determined by the Management Committee (see below) from time to time, and all of these objects shall be subject to them being consistent with The Group's duty to remain solvent .

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of The Group shall be open to all residents in the area of benefit as described above who support its objects.

4 MANAGEMENT

The affairs of The Group shall be managed by a Management Committee consisting of not more than 7 persons appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Committee members shall serve for a period not exceeding five years and, at the expiration of their period of office shall retire. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

At the first Management Committee meeting following the A.G.M. the following office bearers shall be appointed-.

Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

The Management Committee shall meet at such places and times as the members from time to time shall decide and shall appoint an Editor, who will be a member of the Management Committee, and shall have responsibility for producing the community newsletter. The Management Committee shall also have the power to dismiss the Editor, who will not have a vote in such a decision.

The Editor shall assemble a Production Team, appointing such persons as are required for the publication, production and distribution of the community newsletter. The Editor will be responsible to the Management Committee and will report to the Committee as required. Nothing shall prevent any other member of the Production Team from serving on the Management Committee.

At subsequent Annual General Meetings the business to be transacted shall be that required by paragraph 2, above, and the consideration of the audited accounts.

At least 14 days' notice of an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary and publicly advertised.

The Chairman of The Group may require the Secretary at any time to call a Special General Meeting of The Group. A special meeting of The Group may also be called at any time on the written demand of two Honorary Officers or three committee members.

5 FINANCE

The income and property of The Group from whatever source derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of The Group as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any Honorary Officer, Committee Member or Production Team member. Nothing herein shall prevent the payment of out-of-pocket expenses to any Honorary Officer, Committee member or Production Team member. Cheques issued in the name of The Group shall bear the signatures of two Management Committee Members, one of whom shall be The Honorary Treasurer.

6 THE GROUP'S YEAR END AUDIT

The Group's year shall run from 1st October to 30th September. Each year the accounts of the Council shall be audited by one or more persons elected at the previous Annual General Meeting.

7 DISSOLUTION

The Group may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting of The Group at which not less than two thirds of the Honorary Officers and Committee Members are present, of which meeting at least twenty one clear day's notice shall have been sent to all such parties and given by public advertisement. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of The Group, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be given or distributed among the Honorary Officers or Committee Members but shall be given or transferred to such institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of The Group, as The Group may determine. If The Group fails to nominate such body, all remaining assets will automatically transfer to the Avoch Amenities Association, or in the event of the failure of this to the Avoch & Killen Community Council or its successor body.

**Adopted at the Annual General Meeting
held on 29th October 2008
at 7.30pm in the Avoch Community Centre.**