

The Brecknock Society and Museum Friends
Cymdeithas Brycheiniog a Chyfeillion yr Amgueddfa
Reg Charity No 518041

CONSTITUTION

1) NAME

The name of the Society shall be The Brecknock Society and Museum Friends or Cymdeithas Brycheiniog a Chyfeillion yr Amgueddfa (hereinafter called 'the Society'). The Society is an independent body pursuing its aims by charitable means for charitable purposes.

2) AIMS AND OBJECTS

To foster and encourage amongst the people of the historic county of Brecknockshire an interest in the Archaeology, History, Geology, Natural History, Arts and Literature of Wales and the Marches, especially Brecknockshire, and for that purpose:

- a. to assist, as it can, the further development of the Brecknock Museum and Art Gallery
- b. to acquire exhibits of historical or any special interest and offer such material to the Museum on agreed terms
- c. to publish material relating to the Objects of the Society
- d. to arrange lectures, meetings, exhibitions and other events, a calendar of which shall be agreed by the Executive Council and circulated to members, and
- e. to assist financially or otherwise in the preservation of sites of historic importance to the area of Brecknockshire for the benefit of the public.

3) MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in and willing to promote the Objects of the Society as listed above and on payment of the current minimum annual subscription, paid in subsequent years on 1st March.
- b. Local historical and other societies whose aims and objectives are similar to those of the Society as outlined above may be invited to affiliate to the Society, and to send a representative to meetings of the Council. Such representatives shall not be entitled to vote.

4) MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

- a. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in March or April each year. At least twenty-one clear days' notice shall be given by the Secretary to the members.
- b. At the Annual General Meeting, the business shall include the following:
 - * Election of Officers and the Executive Council
 - * Report from the Executive Council on the past year's work, with plans for future events
 - * Approval of the audited accounts
 - * Report on the progress of the Museum
- c. A special meeting of the Society may be called at fourteen clear days' notice either upon the written demand of twelve members or by the Chair or by the Executive Council.

5) THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- a. Subject to the rulings and directions of the AGM, the management and administration of the Society shall be carried on by an Executive Council ("the Council"). The Council shall

consist of the President, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary (“the Officers”) and eight elected members.

- b. All the Officers shall be elected for one year.
- c. The elected members shall serve for four years and shall be eligible to stand for re-election for a further four years. One further year must then elapse before they become eligible for re-election.
- d. The Officers and the elected members are deemed to be the Trustees of the Society.
- e. Casual vacancies arising during the year through the resignation, death or dismissal of an elected Council member shall be notified immediately to the Council, who may nominate and elect a replacement at the next meeting. Such a replacement member shall have full voting rights, and shall serve until the next AGM, when he or she may stand for election for the next four-year period.
- f. The Council shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members and representatives of interested bodies until the next AGM.
- g. Should an elected member fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council without good reason, that member shall be deemed to have resigned.
- h. An Officer, an elected member or a co-opted member deemed to have acted in any way detrimental to the Society may be dismissed by a simple majority of members present at a special general meeting called by the Council or in writing by twelve members of the Society.
- i. The Editor of Brycheiniog shall be appointed by the Council and shall be a voting member of the Council.
- j. The Curator of the Brecknock Museum and Art Gallery may be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Council.
- k. A quorum of the Council shall be seven voting members, consisting of Officers and elected members.
- l. The Council may establish special interest groups and sub-committees, provided that all acts and proceedings of such sub-committees shall be reported promptly to the Council.
- m. The Council shall meet after the AGM as soon as convenient. It will implement any decisions reached at the AGM and consider any matter referred to it by the Curator. In addition, at any time the Council may be summoned by the Chair at seven clear days' notice.
- n. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair has a second or casting vote.

6) FINANCE

- a. The Society's financial year shall run from 1st March to the end of February.
- b. The Council shall determine from time to time the threshold below which expenditure may be incurred by the Officers without the prior approval of the Council. All expenditure on behalf of the Society must have the evidenced approval of any two of the Officers.
- c. The Council shall have power to recommend to the AGM the annual subscription per member, to receive legacies, donations and grants in aid, and to augment the income of the Society by any legal means. Money collected by the Society for the purchase, conservation or display of items for the Museum must be used solely for the purpose of developing the Museum under the direction of the Council.
- d. If thought necessary, the Council may authorise a sub-committee to manage an account devoted to one or other of the Society's special interests, a statement of which shall be presented to the AGM.

7) ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a. Alterations to the constitution shall be made at the AGM or at an extraordinary general meeting called by the Council or in writing by twelve members of the Society, and must obtain the assent of not less than two thirds of the members of the Society present and voting.
- b. A resolution for the alteration of the constitution shall be received by the Secretary of the Society at least 21 clear days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen clear days' notice in writing of such a meeting shall be given by the Secretary to the members and shall include notice of the alterations proposed.
- c. No amendment shall be made to the constitution that will cause the Society to cease to be a Charity at Law.

8) WINDING UP

In the event of winding up, any funds remaining after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred absolutely to one or more charitable institutions having similar objectives.

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