Constitution

of

The Cope Community Trust

- **1. Name:** The name of the body is The Cope Community Trust.
- **2. Main Object:** the main object for which the body is established is to promote community development through making donations as well as to promote the raising of funds for community based projects by organizing and implementing various fund raising activities.
- **3. Subsidiary Object(s):** In furtherance exclusively of the foregoing main object, the body shall have the following subsidiary objects:
 - 1. Support and provide resource where possible to support community based activities.
 - 2. To encourage and support the development of local community groups, organizations, groups and schools.
- **4. Powers.** To the extent that the same are essential or ancillary to the promotion of the main object of the body as heretofore set out the body may exercise the following powers:

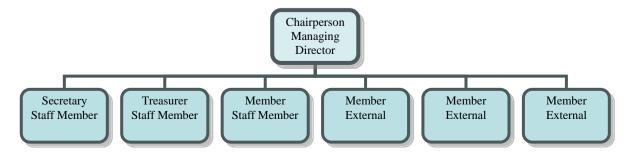
To raise funds and help raise funds for charitable purposes and distribute accordingly to community based projects, clubs, organizations, schools etc.

To effect insurances and to take other such measures as may be considered necessary to expedient for the purposes of safe guarding and securing the Company and its Trustees, Members, and people using it's premses and any property of which the Company may be a Trustee Manager, Agent or Custodian, against liability, loss, and damage of any description.

To make, draw, accept, endorse, issue, discount, and otherwise deal with promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques, letters of credit, circular notes and other mercantile instruments.

The trustees have the power to open Bank accounts on behalf of The Cope Community Trust and to borrow money in such a manner as the trustees shall think fit.

5. Rules



- 1. General Meetings will be held bi-monthly or at least once a quarter. At least 7 days notice will be given for any general meetings to all members, stating the place, the day and the hour of the meeting. The method of such notice will be decided by the Committee. The accidental omission to give notice to any member, or the non-receipt by any member of such notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at any gereral meeting.
- **2.** Applications for donations will be taken by way of an application form (See appendix 1) which will be readily available at the Cope General Office
- **3.** Members to be invited to become a committee member and appointed with a minimum of 2 votes and in place for a twelve month period. Appointed by AGM.
- **4.** The Committee shall consider all invitations and decide, by a simple majority vote, upon the election or otherwise of any applicant and shall likewise decide the class of membership to which the applicant shall belong.
- 5. The Committee may at any time by a three member vote decide that any member who has ceased to possess all or any of the qualifications required for membership, or has failed to abide by the rules and regulations of the Company may, subject to the confirmation of such termination at the next general meeting, terminate the membership of such member. The Committee shall, before arriving at any decision to terminate membership, give to the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to show cause, either in writing or by personal attendance before the Committee, why such action should not be taken. Any such termination of membership shall, unless agreed to in writing by the member, be subject to confirmation by a simple 3 member vote of members present at the next general meeting of the Company.
- **6.** Each member may voluntarily, by giving notice in writing to the Secretary, terminate his membership. Such voluntary termination of membership shall be notified to the next general meeting of the Company.
- 7. A register of member shall be maintained by the Company.
- **8.** The Chairman in all cases will be the Managing Director or any person appointed to deputise in place of the Managing Director.

6. Income and Property

The income and property of the body, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main object as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the body's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the body. No Officer shall be appointed to any office of the body paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the body. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the body of:

a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the body (not being an Officer) for any services rendered to the body;

- b) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other members of the body to the body;
- c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the body (including any Officer) to the body;
- d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the body;
- e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an Officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

7. Winding-up

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the body there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the body. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the body. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the body under or by virtue of Clause 6 hereof. Members of the body shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

8. Additions, alterations or amendments

Treasurer

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provisions of this Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.

9. Keeping of Accounts

10. Bank account

Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.