

Constitution of Craobh Chrua

A non-profit organisation established for the furtherance of education and awareness with regard to the cultural, natural and built heritage of Ireland.

Adopted on the 16th of September 2006

1. Name:

The name of the organisation is Craobh Chrua hereafter referred to in this document as “the organisation”

2. Objectives:

To act for the furtherance of education and awareness with regard to the natural, cultural and built heritage of Ireland.

To encourage a sense of individual and collective responsibility among the general public with regard to the natural, cultural and built heritage of Ireland.

To bring together and develop a sense of community among people whose interests are in the field of traditional Irish culture and heritage.

To ensure that education regarding Irish culture and heritage, including education in our native language, can be obtained by the general public completely free of charge.

To, at all times, act for the betterment of Irish culture and heritage in Ireland.

3. Powers

To the extent that the same are essential or ancillary to the promotion of the objects of the organisation as heretofore set out the organisation may exercise the following powers:

To undertake projects aimed at the fulfilment of any or all of the above objects

To publish works through as many forms of media as is possible.

To seek and raise funds by way of grants and donations in support of the objectives of the organisation.

4. Membership:

The senior members of the organisation are those establishing the organisation . The admittance of further senior members to the organisation will be conducted through individual nomination by existing senior members of the organisation.

General membership is open to anyone who supports the main objectives of the organisation.

5. Government:

The organisation will be managed by a governing board of senior members in accordance with its objectives.

The board will select from its members a chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

The board will determine the frequency of its meetings and the procedures by which its business is conducted.

6. Annual General Meeting:

The board of senior members will convene the annual general meeting each year.

A duration of no more than 15 months shall be allowed to pass between each meeting.

The AGM will:

- (a) Receive the annual accounts.
- (b) Nominate and elect seniors members to the board.

7. Income and Property:

(a) The income and property of the organisation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives as set forth in this constitution. No portion of the organisations 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 organisation No Officer shall be appointed to any office of the organisation paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money’s worth from the organisation. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the organisation of:

reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the organisation (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the organisation;

interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by officers or other members of the organisation to the organisation;

reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the body (including any officer) to the organisa-

tion;

reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the organisation;

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 share capital of such company.

(b) Only the Chairperson, Treasurer or the Secretary of the organisation shall be authorised to open or operate a bank account and/or sign cheques in the name, or on behalf, of the organisation.

(c) Accounts of all income and expenditure must be kept for presentation at the AGM.

8. Amendments to the Constitution:

The constitution may be amended by simple majority vote of the senior members in general meeting.

9. Winding-up:

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the organisation 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 organisation. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objectives similar to the objectives of the organisation. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the organisation under or by virtue of Clause 7 hereof. Members of the organisation shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and in so far as effect can not be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

10. Keeping of accounts:

Annual audited accounts shall be kept and made available to the revenue commissioners on request.

Signed _____
Stiofán Ó Broin, Chairman

Signed _____
Stiofán Ó Broin, Secretary

Signed _____
Jonathan King, Treasurer

Date _____