

RULES

Government and Management of the KENTON VICTORY HALL in the County of Devon

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

- 1 The Hall shall be known as "THE KENTON VICTORY HALL", and shall be held upon trusts for the benefits of the inhabitants for the time being, of the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Kenton and Powderham, both in the County of Devon, subject to and in accordance with these rules, as a Memorial of the Victory of the Allied Powers in the Great War.

- 2 The Kenton Victory Hall and all the moneys arising therefrom or subscribed for the purposes thereof shall (subject to these rules) be under the control of a Committee constituted in accordance with these rules, and the Committee shall have full powers to decide for what purposes (consistent with Rule 1) and by what persons, and on what terms the hall shall be used and how, subject to these rules the moneys arising therefrom shall be applied, PROVIDED THAT the Committee shall make fair and proper charges for the use of the hall for all purposes.

THE COMMITTEE.

- 3 The Committee shall at all times consist of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Victory Hall, and up to twelve Ordinary Members elected as provided by these Rules, and the Trustees for the time being of the Kenton Victory Hall. Provided that the members of the Committee (being sufficient in number to constitute a quorum) may act for all purposes, notwithstanding any vacancy in their number. In addition also a Representative from each village Organisation may attend the meeting, in a non-voting capacity.

- 4 One third of the Ordinary Members of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting each year. Retirement will take place in the order of election to the Committee.

5 An Ordinary Member of the Committee retiring at any General Meeting shall not be eligible for re-election or re-appointment as an Ordinary member of the Committee until the Annual General Meeting held in the next following year, but he may be appointed an officer at the meeting at which he retires, if insufficient nominations to fill vacancies or Committee retiring members can be re-elected all to be re-elected annually.

6 Whenever an ordinary member of the Committee who does not retire at the meeting, is appointed by any Annual General Meeting to be an Officer of the Kenton Victory Hall the meeting may elect an additional ordinary member of the Committee to take his place as an Ordinary Member, and the Ordinary Member elected to be an Officer would, in the ordinary course, have retired if he had not been so elected.

7 Whenever an Officer or Ordinary Member of the Committee shall resign or die or become ordinarily resident outside the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Kenton or Powderham, or shall become bankrupt, or unsound mind or fails to attend three Committee meetings in any one year (such Officer or ordinary member being herein referred to as "the Original member"), the Committee may appoint some other person to hold office in the place of the original member, and the person appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, when he shall retire but be eligible for re-election, and the General Meeting shall elect some person to hold office in the place of the original member, who shall hold office until the time at which the original member would have retired from office in the ordinary course if he had not resigned, died, or otherwise ceased to hold office.

OFFICERS.

8 The Officers of the Kenton Victory Hall shall be a Chairman, Treasurer and a Secretary, who shall receive no remuneration but may be allowed such paid assistance (if any) as the Committee may think proper.

The Officers shall be elected Annually at the Annual General

14 The names of all persons intended to be proposed for election, with the names of proposers and seconders shall be sent in writing to the Secretary not later than the sixth day before the day fixed for the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place, and all such names shall be posted by the Secretary publicly not later than the fourth day before the day fixed for the meeting.

15 If, and so far as there are not more candidates proposed and seconded than there are vacancies to be filled, the candidates proposed and seconded shall be declared duly elected, but in any other case there shall be a ballot, which shall be taken in such a manner as the Chairman at the meeting may direct.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

16 All persons who have attained the age of 18 years and are ordinarily resident within the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Kenton and Powderham shall be competent to attend and vote at General Meetings for the purposes of the Rules, and such persons are in these Rules referred to as "Electors".

17 A General Meeting shall be held not later than the Month of May each year and shall be called the "Annual General Meeting". The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such place and on such a day and at such an hour in the Month as decreed by the Committee and announced by notice posted publicly not less than fifteen days before the day appointed for the meeting, or in default of any such appointment or notice, at six p.m. on the last week day in the Month of May.

18 A special General Meeting shall be held in either of the following events, viz. (i) if the Committee so resolve, and (ii) if not less than 20 householders, by requisition in writing signed by them and delivered to the Secretary or Chairman, requiring such a meeting to be held, unless within seven days not less than three quarters of the whole number of the members of the Committee by writing disallow the requisition; Provided that an elector who has signed a requisition which has been so disallowed shall not be entitled to sign a further requisition within four calendar Months

after such disallowance. The requisition or disallowance shall be posted publicly for not less than three days, unless for special reason the Committee otherwise determine.

19 Every requisition for a special General Meeting shall specify the Resolution or Resolutions intended to be proposed at the meeting. Notice of the day and the hour of a special General Meeting and of the business intended to be conducted thereat, signed by the Chairman or Secretary, shall be posted publicly for not less than eight days before the day fixed for the meeting.

20 A Special General Meeting resolved upon by the Committee shall be held at such place and at such time as the Committee may determine, and a special General Meeting held pursuant to a requisition of electors, shall be held within thirty days after the delivery of the requisition, at such time as the Committee may within fourteen days after such a delivery determine; Provided that if the Committee shall not have caused a notice of the meeting to be posted publicly within Fifteen days after the delivery of the requisition, a notice signed by not less than eleven of the requisitionists and publicly advertised in Kenton and Powderham, giving the day and the hour of the meeting and stating the business intended to be transacted thereat, shall (unless the requisition has been disallowed) have the same effect as a notice signed by the Chairman, pursuant to resolution of the Committee and duly posted pursuant to these Rules.

21 The quorum for a special General Meeting shall be twenty electors.

22 The Ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to receive statements of account and report from the Officers for the previous year, and to elect Officers and Ordinary members of the Committee and to discuss the affairs of the Kenton Victory Hall generally.

23 No business shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting except the business mentioned in the notice of the meeting.

24 The Committee shall have regard to all recommendations of the General Meeting, but shall not be bound to give effect thereto if they shall deem it expedient to do so, unless the recommendation is supported by an absolute majority of the Electors.

25 All resolutions shall be submitted to a show of hands and unless a poll is demanded, as provided by this Rule, the decision of the Chairman as to the result of the vote shall be conclusive. A poll may be demanded in writing by not less than twenty electors, and shall be taken in such a manner, either at the meeting or after an interval, as the Chairman shall think expedient.

The Chairman, both on a show of hands and on a poll, shall have a second or casting vote.

26 In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting, the meeting shall elect a Chairman for the meeting.

27 The Committee shall hold meetings at intervals of not exceeding three calendar Months after the adoption of the Rules, shall be held at such time as the Chairman may appoint, and subsequent meetings shall be held at such times as the Committee may from time to time determine. An extraordinary meeting shall at any time be summoned upon a direction of the Chairman or any two others of the Committee. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of every meeting to the members of the Committee, such notice to be given not later than the third day before the day fixed for the meeting, and to state the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

28 There shall be a quorum whenever Four members of the Committee are present at a meeting.

29 Every matter (except an alteration to these Rules) shall be determined by the majority of the members present and voting upon the question, except that in the case of equality of voting the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

30 A Minute Book and Books of Account shall be provided and kept by the Committee under the control of the proper Officers of the Hall.

31 Within the limits of these Rules the Committee shall have full power to make Regulations for the management of the Hall and for the conduct of their business, including the deposit of money at a proper bank and the appointment of paid clerks or servants (not being members of the Committee) to assist in the management of the Hall, and the Committee shall have the power to delegate any of their powers to subcommittee of their number upon such conditions (if any) as the Committee may think proper, with power to revoke any such delegation at their pleasure.

32 If at any meeting of the Committee the Chairman shall not be present, the members present may elect a Chairman from among those present.

TRUSTEES.

33 The Kenton Victory Hall and any other real or leasehold property subject to these Rules, and any investments so subject shall be held at the disposal of the Committee for the purposes of these rules by not less than two Trustees who shall be nominated from time to time by resolution of the electors for the purpose.

The present Trustees are: Peter Falkner of 10 Hamilton Grove, Starcross.

Ernest Rawlinson, of Oxton Mere, Oxton, Kenton.

Colin Fulcher, of 18, Penhayes Rd, Kenton.

APPLICATION OF REVENUES AND OTHER FUNDS.

34 The cost of all repairs and insurance and all other charges and outgoings in respect of the Kenton Victory Hall, and all proper costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the administration and management thereof shall be a first charge upon the revenues arising from the Kenton Victory Hall or from subscriptions for the purposes of the Hall.

35 Revenues not required for the foregoing purposes may be retained and invested in the name of the Committee on behalf of the Kenton Victory Hall by any modes of investment for the time being authorised by law for the investment of Trust moneys, and the income arising from such investments shall be applied as part of the revenues of the Hall, or such surplus revenues and any funds arising from the investment for surplus revenues in previous years, or from bequests or donations may be applied in providing additional buildings for occupation in conjunction with the Hall or in providing other buildings in substitution for the hall, or in renewing or improving the equipment of the hall, or furnishing and equipping any new buildings erected or acquired for the benefit of the Inhabitants of the said two Parishes as the Committee may think proper; PROVIDED that no additional building shall be erected and no structural alterations shall be made in any existing buildings except with the approval of a General Meeting.

NOTICE BOARD.

36 The Committee shall provide and keep in a prominent position a notice board for the display of public notices at the Kenton Victory Hall, and all notices provided for by these rules (except notices of Committee meetings) shall be posted in legible form upon such notice board and shall remain so posted for not less than three complete days, and the Committee shall not permit such notice board to be used for the display of any notices except such as directly concern the Kenton Victory Hall or the business thereof.

37 These rules (except Rule 1) may at any time be altered by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of the whole number of the Committee and confirmed by a Resolution of a General Meeting.

The foregoing Rules are hereby adopted by the Members of the Kenton Victory Hall and confirmed by a resolution at the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 1992.

Certified as a true copy
M. C. C. 18th June 1992