1. The name of the Charity (“the Charity”) is Wealden Talking News (“WTN”). WTN is a Registered Charity, charity number 270183.
2. Objects
   1. The object of the Charity is to give relief and support to visually impaired people or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain, by the provision of recorded media.
   2. In furtherance of this object but not otherwise the Charity through its Members shall have the following powers to do all such things as shall be necessary for the furtherance of the object of the Charity.
3. Income.
   1. To take and accept any gifts of property whether or not subject to any special trusts.
   2. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise provided that the committee shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said object.
4. Expenditure.
   1. Payments for services rendered and ex gratia payments can be made up to an amount agreed from time to time by the Trustees.
5. Membership of the Charity, jointly called the Members, shall be deemed to be:
   1. Those who receive the WTN media and are on the Listeners Register.
   2. Those who participate in the activities of the Charity and are on the Volunteers Register.
6. The Trustees shall be elected by a majority of the existing Trustees who are present in person or by proxy at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose and shall include:
   1. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Studio and Production Manager, also known as the Officers, who shall be elected by a majority of the Trustees who are present in person or by proxy at the first Trustees Meeting following the Annual General Meeting, hereinafter referred to as the Trustees of the Charity.
   2. A representative from the Uckfield and District Lions Club or its successor(s) in the Lions Club organisation.
   3. Aspire to least two visually impaired recipients of WTN ‘ s recorded media.
   4. The Trustees shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of three Members at any time with full voting rights subject to the limits set out in paragraph 6(d). Any such Members shall be appointed as Trustees at the first subsequently convened Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
   5. The Trustees shall meet at least four times annually and additionally as required.
   6. The total number of Trustees shall not exceed ten nor be fewer than eight.
   7. A quorum of the Trustees shall consist of at least four Trustees, including at least two Officers.
7. Terms of office.
   1. New Trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years. Second and third terms of three years may be agreed by a majority of Trustees. Thereafter, annual terms may be agreed by a majority of Trustees if no suitable replacement is available.
8. The Annual General Meeting of the Charity shall be held within four months of the end of the financial year and every Member shall receive not less than fourteen days’ notice of such meeting. Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened upon a request by three Trustees or twelve Members upon a similar notice which shall state the business to be considered at the meeting.
9. At the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting every Member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Any Member may appoint a proxy who need not be a Member to attend and vote on his or her behalf. A quorum at an Annual General Meeting shall consist of not less than five Members, three of whom must be Trustees.
10. All sums collected shall be handed over to the Treasurer or Chairman who shall pay the sum into the bank or building society account in the name of the WTN at the bank or building society agreed by the Trustees. Payments from the designated bank or building society account shall be made in accordance with the Financial Procedures Statement.
11. The Trustees shall invest in the name of the Charity any monies not required for the immediate purpose of the Charity in securities in which trust monies may by law be invested with power from time to time to transpose such investments.
12. Any property purchased by the Charity shall be vested in the Trustees.
13. The Trustees shall with such consent as is by law required deal with property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by the Charity. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of a simple majority of the Members who are present in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting of the Charity. A certificate purporting to be signed by the Chairman or Treasurer of the Charity in favour of the purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee or grantee shall be conclusive evidence that such a direction was duly given.
14. On the winding up of the Charity any assets remaining after the payment of outstanding debts or liabilities shall not be given to or distributed amongst the Members but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institute or institutions having similar objects.
15. The Constitution and rules may be altered, repealed or added to by a resolution passed by a three quarters majority of the Members who are present in person or by proxy at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose and which notice has been served upon every Member.
16. Notwithstanding any of the aforesaid, any rule may be changed under the direction of the Charity Commissioners.

Agreed on 7th September 2023

*Alan Cook*

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Alan Cook

Chairman, Wealden Talking News