

**The Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles  
Constitution (2007)**

**1 Objectives**

- i The preservation of the amenities of the Cathedral Grounds
- ii The enhancing of the Cathedral and the restoration of its furnishings
- iii The provision and preservation of the Cathedral's plate and other adjuncts of divine worship
- iv the promotion of music and maintenance of the organ in accordance with the wishes of the founder
- v The maintenance of the library and other rooms in the College to encourage spirituality, devotion and serious study
- vi The support of any objective or project connected with the Cathedral and College as approved by the Provost, Warden or trustees

**2 Membership**

Membership is open to all on payment of an annual or life membership subscription. Honorary Life Membership in recognition of services to the Cathedral, College or friends may be given at the discretion of the Committee

**3 Subscriptions**

The amount of the subscription will be decided at the Annual General Meeting. Annual subscriptions will be due on 1 January, but any subscriptions paid at or after the Annual general meeting will be valid until 31 December of the following year

**4 Accounts**

The Treasurer will prepare accounts annually to 30 September for presentation at the Annual General Meeting. All monies received will be lodged in a bank account in the name of The Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles. Payment from this account will only be made for purposes approved by the committee except for the reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred by the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. The bank account may be operated by any one of the office bearers or any other member of the committee so authorised at the AGM

**5 Examination of Accounts**

The accounts will be examined by an examiner who should normally be appointed at the Annual General Meeting which takes place at the start of the accounting year in question, but may be appointed by the Committee following the AGM. The examiner shall be some person who is reasonably believed to be competent in financial matters but need not be professionally qualified. The examined accounts will be available to members at the AGM or on request to the Treasurer

**6. Annual General Meeting**

This will be held annually between 20<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November on a date to be decided at the preceding AGM or by the committee if so agreed at the said AGM. At least 4 weeks' notice will be given of the AGM

**7. Extraordinary General Meeting**

An EGM may be called by ten members or if deemed necessary by the committee. 15 days notice shall be given

**8. Committee**

This will comprise the chairman, the secretary, the treasurer and up to six other members, all of whom shall be *elected* annually at the AGM. Officers may not serve in the same post for more than 3 consecutive years, but will be eligible for re-election after an absence of 1 year. The committee will have the power to fill any vacancy until the next AGM. The Warden shall ex-officio be a member of the Committee

**9. Amendments to the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution may be made by decision of a majority of members present (whether or not voting) at the AGM or EGM provided that not more than 10% of the membership have previously registered their objection in writing to the Secretary. Proposed amendments shall be notified to the membership 4 weeks in advance of said AGM or 15 days in advance of said EGM

**10. Possible Extinction of The Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles**

If at any time it shall happen that the membership shall become so reduced in numbers or in financial resources that the Constitution can no longer be kept in operation, the committee or failing which the Provost or Priest in charge of the Cathedral, whom failing the Bishop of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, shall cause the operation of the Friends to be wound up and any remaining funds to be utilised for some purpose or purposes beneficial to the Cathedral, and the signature of any of the above shall be sufficient discharge for the withdrawal of funds from the bank account