

Deed of Trust and Constitution

for
Gerards Cross Community Association



This Trust Deed is made the tenth day

of October One thousand nine hundred and forty six by The Reverend John Holland Priory of The Parage, Gerards Cross The Reverend Edward R. Micklem of The Manses, Hurstern Lane Gerards Cross and Miss C.

Cogston of Danon House, Woodlands, Gerards Cross in the County of Bucks (hereinafter called the Trustees which expression shall include the survivors or survivors of them and when the Trustee or Trustee for the time being of this Deed) Whereas the Trustees and they propose to form a Community Association to be called the Gerards Cross Community Association the aims of which are:-

To establish maintain and manage a Community Centre, which shall be a War Memorial, to promote the well being of the Community resident in the Parish of Gerards Cross of the County of Bucks and its immediate neighbourhood by associating the Local Authorities Voluntary Youth and Adult Organisations and residents in a common effort to further health to advance education to provide a meeting place and facilities for physical and mental training and recreation and social moral spiritual and intellectual development and to foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such purposes as may by law be deemed to be charitable

This Centre shall be called the Gerards Cross Memorial Centre

And whereas particulars of the Constitution of the Association are set out in the Schedule hereto

Now this Deed witnesseth as follows:-

1. The Trustees will stand possessed of all monies which may hereinafter be given to the Association or received by the Trustees hereunder (all which sums are hereinafter included in the expression Trust Fund) Upon trust to apply the same in establishing and maintaining in perpetuity in accordance with this Deed and

with and subject to the powers and provisions hereinafter contained
a Community Centre for the above recited aims

2. The Trustees shall hold any property which may hereafter be conveyed to them as the Trustees of the Gerrards Cross Community Association upon trust to permit the same to be appropriated and used in perpetuity for the objects mentioned in Clause 1 hereof
3. The management and control of the Trust premises shall be vested in the Council referred to in the First Schedule hereto and the Council shall provide the Trustees with sufficient funds to meet all such expenditure (if any) in connection with the Trust Premises as the Trustees may be liable for and shall keep the Trustees indemnified against all liability (if any) in respect thereof
4. If the Council by a majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to discontinue the use of the Trust Premises in whole or in part for the purpose hereinafter indicated it shall call a meeting of all members of the Community Association and of the inhabitants of the age of eighteen years or upwards of the Parish of Gerrards Cross of the County of Bucks of which meeting not less than fourteen days' notice (stating that a Resolution will be proposed thereat) shall be posted in a conspicuous place or places on the Trust Premises and advertised in a newspaper circulating in the said neighbourhood and if such decision shall be confirmed by a majority of such inhabitants present at such meeting and voting the Council may let or sell the Trust Premises or any part thereof. All monies arising from such letting or sale (after satisfaction of any liabilities properly payable thereout) shall be applied in the purchase of other premises approved by the Council and to be held upon the trusts for the purposes and subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth (including this power) or as near thereto as circumstances will permit or towards such other charitable purposes or objects for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Gerrards Cross of the County of Bucks as the Council may decide and as may be approved by the Charity Commissioners
5. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three nor more than five
6. A Trustee shall cease to be a Trustee if:
(a) He notifies the Secretary of the Association for the time

being in writing of his intention to resign and his resignation is accepted.

(b) He fails to attend meetings of the Council during one year unless the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the Council.

(c) He has been adjudged bankrupt or made a composition or arrangement with his creditors.

(d) He is disqualified for being elected as or being a Trustee by reason of corrupt or illegal practices.

7. The power of appointing a new Trustee or new Trustees of this Deed shall be vested in the Council.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunder set their hands and seals the day and year first before written.

The First Schedule before referred to

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Constitution:

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Gerrards Cross Community Association

Name

The name of the Association shall be the Gerrards Cross Community Association.

Aims and Objects

The aims and objects of the Association shall be:—

(a) To promote the well being of the Community resident in the Parish of Gerrards Cross of the County of Bucks and its immediate neighbourhood by associating the Local Authorities Voluntary Youth and Adult Organisations and Residents in a common effort to further health to advance education to provide a meeting place and facilities for physical and mental training and recreation and social moral spiritual and intellectual development and to foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such purposes as may by law be deemed to be charitable.

(b) To establish maintain and manage a Community Centre which shall be a War Memorial for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent members in furtherance of the above objects or any of them the Centre to be called 'The Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre'.

Memberships:

Membership shall be of three kinds:—

(a) Individual membership (b) Group membership

(c) Associate membership

(a) Individual membership shall be open to all persons aged over 18 in the neighbourhood irrespective of political party, nationality, religious opinion, race or colour the Association reserving this right to exclude any individual attempting to defeat the objects of the Association

(b) Group membership shall be open to such constituent bodies, organisations or sections as are named in the Second Schedule hereto whose members by reason of their youth are not eligible as individual members and other groups approved by the Council including (if approved), such as hereafter may be added to the Schedule by sanction of the Council

(c) Associate membership shall be open to well wishers unattached

Management:—

The policy and affairs of the Association shall be determined by a Council consisting of:—

(a) (Two representatives being a member of the Community Association) nominated by each of the constituent bodies, organisations and sections named in the Second Schedule hereto in the said Parish and of the local authorities concerned and appointed by the Association

(b) Representatives of individual members elected in such manner as the Council shall determine and

(c) The Officers of the Association

All members of the Council shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting. Every organisation and body entitled to nominate a member of the Council to take the place of a member retiring at an Annual General Meeting shall make the nomination at any time within one month before the Annual General Meeting at which the retiring member of the Council shall retire. The Council shall have the power to co-opt members and shall elect its own Chairman and appoint a Secretary of the Association. It shall be responsible for the general policy, government, management and use of the premises, and the monies standing to the credit of the Association shall be applied as the Council shall direct. The Trustees shall be ex-officio and non-voting members of the Council and of

its Executive Committee

Officers

The Honorary Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President and Treasurer to be elected by the Annual General Meeting

Committees

An Executive Committee consisting of not less than seven members shall be appointed by the Council to carry out the general management and control of the Trust Premises and to administer the Council's funds

The Chairman of the Council shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee and the Officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of all Committees

All members of the Committees other than the Trustees shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-appointment. A member of the Committee shall vacate his office under the following circumstances:-

- (a) If he notifies the Secretary of the Committee for the time being in writing of his intention to resign and his resignation is accepted
- (b) If he fails to attend meetings during one year unless the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the Committee
- (c) If he is disqualified for being elected or for being a Member of the Council by reason of corrupt or illegal practices

The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt new members and to appoint such sub-committees as may from time to time be decided and shall determine their terms of reference and procedure

Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be convened by the Council each year for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Financial Statement and to appoint such honorary officers as may be decided from time to time by the Council and to accept the resignations of members of the Council and to appoint the Council for the ensuing year

Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the Secretary or at the request of twenty members giving their reasons

The Executive Committee shall meet not less than eight

forms a year, six members forming a quorum.

The Extraordinary Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Secretary at any time by direction of the Chairman or at the request of not less than one-third of the members.

All questions arising at any Meeting shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting at such meetings. In case of equal numbers the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Minutes

A Minutes Book shall be kept by the Committee and all proceedings and resolutions of the Committee shall be entered therein by the Secretary or his deputy.

Accounts

The accounts of the Association and of any Committee sub-Committee section or group of Members shall be regularly audited by duly qualified persons who shall be appointed annually by the Council.

Rules

Rules for the Management and Use of the Centre shall be drafted by the Executive Committee and shall take effect when approved by the Council. Any alterations or amendments must also be approved by the Council.

Alterations to the Constitution

No alteration of this Constitution shall be valid unless it shall have been passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting of the Association.

Any proposal involving such alteration must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Association not less than twenty eight days before the date of the Meeting at which it is to be discussed and not less than fourteen days' notice of the Meeting, giving particulars of the proposal, shall be given to the members of the Association.

The Second Schedule referred to
Organisations

Boy Scouts
British Legion
British Legion Women's Section
British Red Cross Society
Coyote Birds Society
Chamber of Commerce
Civil Defence
Wardens, Special Constabulary, Home Guard, etc
Community Players
Conservative Party
Discussions Group
Federal Union
Felin Society
Gerards Cross School
Gerards Cross Music Club incorporating The South Bucks Orchestra
Girl Guides
Gramophone Society
Infant Welfare
Labour Party
Liberal Party
Local Association to Aid Unemployed
Mishawone Lodge of Freemasons
Operatic Society
Philatelic Society
The Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes
The Rakepumpers Association
St James Women's Fellowship
St James Youth Club
United Nations Association
Women's Voluntary Service
Youth Organisation
Religious Bodies
Congregational Church
Catholic Parents Association
Jewish Community
Methodist Church
St James Church

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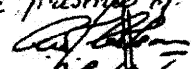
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Local Clubs


- Football Club (Wednesday)
- Golf Club
- Gerrards Cross Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club
- Gerrards Cross and District Angling Society
- Gerrards Cross Hockey Club
- Gerrards Cross Tennis Club
- Gerrards Cross Tennis Club
- Mishbourne Bowls Club

Authorities

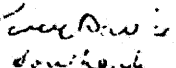
- Local Education Authority
- Local Higher Education Committee
- National Council of Social Services
- Parish Council

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
 by the above named The Reverend
 John Holland Parr in
 the presence of

 4th Highway
 Gerrards Cross

J. H. Parr

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
 by the above named The
 Reverend Edward Romilly
 Micham in the presence of

 4th Highway
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E. Romilly Micham

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 by the above named C. W. E.
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