

**CATRINE
BONNIE JEAN
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

Instituted 1956



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I.—Name.

1. The name of the Association shall be "CATRINE BONNIE JEAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION."

II.—Objects.

2. The Objects of the Association shall be to give to persons who shall be selected by Resolution passed at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Association as being persons of a deserving character who reside in the Village of Catrine, Ayrshire, and who are, by reason of sickness, accident, injury, bodily or mental weakness or infirmity or age, in need of it, assistance of any kind whatever which they cannot provide from their own resources or obtain under the National Health Service or from other public sources including (in particular but without prejudice to the foregoing generality) the provision of money, food, board, lodging, fuel, comforts, clothing, personal and household requisites of all kinds, surgical and other appliances, drugs, medicines, tonics and remedies, professional and expert advice, and treatment, and domestic, entertainment, instructional and other services, and that whether in their own homes or elsewhere; to support or aid or to contribute to any associations, societies or funds calculated to assist directly or indirectly in the promotion and attainment of the objects of the Association and established for charitable purposes; and generally to encourage and foster public and private interest in the welfare of such persons and to receive, apply and administer sums of money, goods, gifts, legacies and endowments to be applied to all or any of the purposes foresaid.

III.—Membership.

3. The following persons shall be and constitute the Membership of the Association.

- (a) Four Trustees for the Association, being persons qualified as being the Manager and the Cashier for the time being of the Cotton Works, Catrine, and the Manager and Cashier for the time being of the Bleaching Works, Catrine;
- (b) Four Permanent Members, being persons qualified as follows:—
 - (i) A Medical Practitioner who shall reside and carry on general practice as such in Catrine and, if there be more than one such Practitioner so qualified, that Practitioner who shall for the longest continuous period have so resided and carried on practice and shall be willing to act as a Permanent Member;
 - (ii) A Minister of Religion who shall reside and hold a charge as such in Catrine and, if there be more than one Minister so qualified, that Minister who shall for the longest continuous period have so resided and held such charge and shall be willing to act as a Permanent Member;
 - (iii) A Nurse who shall reside and carry on general practice as such in Catrine and, if there be more than one Nurse so qualified, that Nurse who shall for the longest continuous period have so resided and carried on practice and shall be willing to act as a Permanent Member; and
 - (iv) The Manager for the time being of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Catrine; and
- (c) Six Elected Members, being persons qualified as follows:—
 - (i) A Member of the Catrine Merchants' Association, whom failing, a Merchant carrying on business as such in Catrine;
 - (ii) A Tradesman carrying on business as such in Catrine;

- (iii) A Miner who shall reside in Catrine and be actively employed as a Miner in Ayrshire;
- (iv) A member of the Branch of the British Legion which shall be situated at Catrine or, failing such a Branch, which shall include Catrine in its area;
- (v) A person employed in the Cotton Works, Catrine, not being the Manager or Cashier; and
- (vi) A person employed in the Bleaching Works, Catrine, not being the Manager or Cashier.

4. The Trustees and the Permanent Members shall (subject always to Rule 10) continue to be Members while and so long as they shall respectively remain qualified in terms of Rule 3.

5. The Elected Members shall be appointed from persons having the appropriate qualifications under Rule 3 by a majority of the Trustees and the Permanent Members present and voting at a separate meeting of the Trustees and the Permanent Members and (subject always to Rule 10) shall continue to be Members until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Association when all the elected Members shall cease to be Members but they shall be eligible for re-appointment in terms of this Rule for the succeeding period. The provisions of Rule 7 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to Meetings of the Trustees and the Permanent Members in pursuance of this Rule, but three persons present shall form a quorum.

IV.—Office-Bearers.

6. At each Annual General Meeting of the Association the Members of the Association shall elect from their number a President, an Auditor, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall take up his office as from the conclusion of such Meeting and shall, subject always as aftermentioned, hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at which he shall be eligible for re-election; provided that any Member appointed to any such office shall forthwith vacate the same if he shall cease to be a Member of the Association or shall tender in writing to the Secretary his resignation from such office

or shall be removed from any office by an Extraordinary Resolution. A casual vacancy in any such office may be filled by the nomination of another Member to such office by instrument in writing signed by a majority of the Trustees.

V.—Meetings.

7. An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held once in the year 1955 and once in every calendar year thereafter at such time and place as shall be determined by the President for the time being for the purpose of electing the President, the Auditor, the Secretary, and the Treasurer for the ensuing year, of considering a Report which shall be submitted by the Secretary and a Statement of Accounts which shall be submitted by the Treasurer and a Report by the Auditor thereon in each case for the period ended on the 31st day of December last preceding the date of such Meeting and of transacting any other competent business. The Secretary shall convene an Ordinary General Meeting forthwith on being required so to do by the President or by instrument signed by two or more Members and stating the business to be transacted and, on default by the Secretary, such a Meeting may be convened by the President or by the Members who signed such instrument, as the case may be. At least three days' previous notice in writing shall be given to each Member, stating the general nature of the business to be transacted at the General Meeting thereby convened. Five Members present shall form a quorum, and the President, whom failing, one of the Trustees (who shall be chosen by such of the Trustees as are present if more than one) shall act as Chairman. Each Member present shall have one vote and questions arising at any Meeting shall, unless otherwise provided by these Rules, be decided by a majority of votes; and in case of equality, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

VI.—Administration.

8. The whole business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Members in Ordinary Meeting who may pay all expenses incurred in establishing and administering the Association and its funds and they shall be

entitled to expend or apply the whole or any part of the funds of the Association, whether capital or income, to or for any purpose or purposes which they may think fit, being a purpose or purposes within the Objects of the Association but otherwise all in the sole discretion of the Members as exercised in Ordinary Meeting, and no person or persons whatever shall have any right or title to any payment or other benefit from the Association or the funds thereof either in virtue of these Rules or of any decision of the Members or otherwise in any manner. The Members shall be entitled to delegate any of their functions under these Rules to Committees each of which shall consist of two or more Members, and every such Committee may regulate their meetings as they may think fit, subject only to such directions as may be given to them by the Members. The continuing Members may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number. A Resolution in writing signed by all the Members shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a Meeting thereof duly convened and held. No Member shall be liable for the acts or omissions of any other Member by reason of his having joined in any receipt for money not received by him personally or for any loss on account of defect of title to any property acquired by the Association or on account of the insufficiency of any security in or upon which any moneys of the Association shall be invested or for any loss incurred through any Banker, Broker or other Agent or of any servant of the Association or upon any ground whatever other than his own wilful acts or default. No Member shall be entitled to receive from the Association any assistance within the meaning of Rule 2 hereof or any remuneration for his services to it nor shall he have any right, interest or claim in or upon the Association or any of its property or funds.

VII.—Funds.

9. All sums of money, investments or other property belonging to the Association shall stand in the names of the Trustees jointly on behalf of the Association and shall be transferred or otherwise dealt with only upon their joint signatures except that each and every Bank Account in name of the Trustees may be operated upon on the joint signatures of any two of the Trustees. The Certificates,

scrip or other titles to all such money, investments or other property shall be held by the Treasurer, and all books and accounts maintained by him shall be submitted by him to the Auditor upon request by the Auditor and shall be tendered by the Treasurer for inspection at each Annual General Meeting and shall also be produced by him at any Ordinary General Meeting if called for by two or more of the Members by notice given to the Treasurer in writing not later than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.

VIII.—Termination of Membership.

10. The membership of a Member of the Association shall terminate—

- (a) If he shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary; or
- (b) If he shall become bankrupt or of unsound mind; or
- (c) If, having become a Member in respect of any of the qualifications specified in Rule 3 hereof, he shall cease to hold that qualification.

IX.—Notices.

11. Any notice requiring to be given to any Member or other person in pursuance of these Rules may be given personally or by sending it by post to such Member or other person at the last address intimated by him to the Secretary of the Association and a notice given by post shall be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the same to such Member or other person and shall be deemed to have been effected on the expiry of twenty-four hours after the letter containing the same shall have been posted.

X.—Alteration of Rules.

12. The Constitution and Rules of the Association or any provision thereof except the provisions relating to the Objects of the Association contained in Rule II may be

altered in any way by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Association and the Constitution and Rules of the Association, as they may from time to time be altered as aforesaid, shall remain binding upon the Association and upon all the Members thereof.

XI.—Interpretation.

13. For the purposes of the Constitution and Rules of the Association the expression "Extraordinary Resolution" shall mean a Resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast thereon by such Members of the Association as are present at a General Meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given.

