## CONSTITUTION

## of

## Stirling4Community SCIO

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## GENERAL

## Type of organisation

1 The organisation will, upon registration, be a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

## Scottish principal office

2 The principal office of the organisation will be in Scotland (and must remain in Scotland).

## Name

3 The name of the organisation is "Stirling4Community SCIO".

## Purposes

4 The organisation's purposes are:
To provide an amalgam of services either on its own initiative or in association with others, geared to responding to community needs. At the outset, this will focus on four areas:
4.1 Addressing the challenges of loneliness and isolation
4.2 Nurturing community and building a sense of belonging
4.3 Developing friendship and fellowship

### 4.4 Promoting wellbeing

We will work with others to promote our objectives.

## Powers

5 The organisation has power to do anything which is calculated to further its purposes or is conducive or incidental to doing so.

6 No part of the income or property of the organisation may be paid or transferred (directly or indirectly) to the members - either in the course of the organisation's existence or on dissolution - except where this is done in direct furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.

## Liability of members

7 The members of the organisation have no liability to pay any sums to help to meet the debts (or other liabilities) of the organisation if it is wound up; accordingly, if the organisation is unable to meet its debts, the members will not be held responsible.

8 The members and charity trustees have certain legal duties under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and clause 7 does not exclude (or limit) any personal liabilities they might incur if they are in breach of those duties or in breach of other legal obligations or duties that apply to them personally.

## General structure

9 The structure of the organisation consists of:-
9.1 the MEMBERS - who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself;
9.2 the BOARD - who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

10 The people serving on the board are referred to in this constitution as CHARITY TRUSTEES.

## MEMBERS

## Qualifications for membership

11 Stirling4Community is founded on the Christian values of love, service and inclusivity. We are a welcoming organisation open to anyone, of whatever faith or none. We will strive to be inclusive and open to all members of society.

Membership shall be open to
11.1 any individual aged 16 or over who wishes to further the objectives and goals of the charity.
11.2 any corporate body which wishes to further the objectives and goals of the charity.

12 Employees of the organisation may only be so on specific 'funded' projects to meet a particular objective. No more than $20 \%$ of the membership will be employed within the membership organisation at any one time.

## Application for membership

13 Any person or body who/which wishes to become a member must sign a written application for membership; in the case of a corporate body, the application must be signed by an appropriate officer of that body, and submitted along with a remittance to meet the annual membership subscription
13.1 An application for membership received by the organisation will be considered by the board at the next board meeting

14 The board may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership, the admission to membership not to be unreasonably withheld.

15 The board must notify any person or body promptly (in writing or by e-mail) of its decision on whether or not to admit him/her/it to membership. If the decision was to refuse admission, the board shall return to the applicant the remittance lodged by him/her/it under clause 13.

## Membership subscription

16 Members shall require to pay an annual membership subscription; unless and until otherwise determined by the members, the amount of the annual membership subscription shall be $£ 10$.
16.1 The annual membership subscriptions shall be payable on or before $1^{\text {st }}$ April in each year.
16.2 The members may vary the amount of the annual membership subscription and/or the date on which it falls due in each year, by way of a resolution to that effect passed at an AGM.
16.3 If the membership subscription payable by any member remains outstanding more than 8 weeks after the date on which it fell due - and providing he/she/it has been given at least one written reminder - the board may, by resolution to that effect, expel him/her/it from membership.
16.4 A person or body who ceases (for whatever reason) to be a member shall not be entitled to any refund of the membership subscription.

## Register of members

17 The board must keep a register of members, setting out
17.1 for each current member:
17.1.1 their full name and address; and
17.1.2 the date on which they were registered as a member of the organisation;
17.2 for each former member - for at least six years from the date on which they ceased to be a member:
17.2.1 their name; and
17.2.2 the date on which they ceased to be a member.

18 The board must ensure that the register of members is updated within 28 days of any change:
18.1 which arises from a resolution of the board or a resolution passed by the members of the organisation; or
18.2 which is notified to the organisation.

19 If a member or charity trustee of the organisation requests a copy of the register of members, the board must ensure that a copy is supplied to them within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable; if the request is made by a member (rather than a charity trustee), the board may provide a copy which has the addresses blanked out.

## Withdrawal from membership

20 Any person or body who/which wishes to withdraw from membership must give a written notice of withdrawal to the organisation, signed by him/her or (in the case of a corporate body) signed by an appropriate officer of that body; he/she/it will cease to be a member as from the time when the notice is received by the organisation

## Transfer of membership

21 Membership of the organisation may not be transferred by a member.

## Expulsion from membership

22 Any person or body may be expelled from membership by way of a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of those present and voting at a members' meeting, providing the following procedures have been observed:-
22.1 at least 21 days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given to the member concerned, specifying the grounds for the proposed expulsion;
22.2 the member concerned will be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the members' meeting at which the resolution is proposed.

## Termination

23 Membership of the organisation will terminate on death or (in the case of a corporate body) on the liquidation, receivership, winding-up or dissolution of that body.

## DECISION-MAKING BY THE MEMBERS

## Members' meetings

24 The board must arrange a meeting of members (an annual general meeting or "AGM") in each calendar year. This meeting will be held in the $1^{\text {st }}$ week of March every year

25 The gap between one AGM and the next must not be longer than 15 months.

26 Notwithstanding clause 24, an AGM does not need to be held during the calendar year in which the organisation is formed; but the first AGM must still be held within 15 months of the date on which the organisation is formed.

27 The business of each AGM must include:-
27.1 a welcome by the Chair and a report by the Secretary on the activities of the organisation;
27.2 consideration of the annual accounts of the organisation;
27.3 the election/re-election of charity trustees, as referred to in clauses 56 to 59.

The board may arrange a special members' meeting at any time.

## Power to request the board to arrange a special members' meeting

29 The board must arrange a special members' meeting (Extraordinary General Meeting) if they are requested to do so by a notice (which may take the form of two or more documents in the same terms, each signed by one or more members (in the case of a member which is a corporate body, signed by an appropriate officer of that body) by members who amount to $10 \%$ or more of the total membership of the organisation at the time, providing:
29.1 the notice states the purposes for which the meeting is to be held; and
29.2 those purposes are not inconsistent with the terms of this constitution, the Charities and Trustee (Investment) Scotland Act 2005 or any other statutory provision.

30 If the board receive a notice under clause 29, the date for the meeting which they arrange in accordance with the notice must not be later than 28 days from the date on which they received the notice.

## Notice of members' meetings

31 At least 14 clear days' notice must be given of any AGM or any special members' meeting.

32 The notice calling a members' meeting must specify in general terms what business is to be dealt with at the meeting; and
32.1 in the case of a resolution to alter the constitution, must set out the exact terms of the proposed alteration(s); or
32.2 in the case of any other resolution falling within clause 43 (requirement for two-thirds majority) must set out the exact terms of the resolution.

33 The reference to "clear days" in clause 31 shall be taken to mean that, in calculating the period of notice,
33.1 the day after the notices are posted (or sent by e-mail) should be excluded; and
33.2 the day of the meeting itself should also be excluded.

34 Notice of every members' meeting must be given to all the members of the organisation, and to all the charity trustees; but the accidental omission to give notice to one or more members will not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

35 Any notice which requires to be given to a member under this constitution must be: -
35.1 sent by post to the member, at the address last notified by them to the organisation; or
35.2 sent by e-mail to the member, at the e-mail address last notified by Him/Her/It to the organisation.

## Procedure at members' meetings

36 No valid decisions can be taken at any members' meeting unless a quorum is present.

37 The quorum for a members' meeting (Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting) is 5 board members and 5 ordinary members (or two thirds of the full
membership if membership is insufficient to form a quorum of 10), present in person or (in the case of members which are corporate bodies) present via their authorised representatives
37.1 The board may make arrangements, in advance of any members' meeting, to allow members to participate in the members' meeting by means of a conference telephone, video conferencing facility or similar communications equipment - so long as all those participating in the meeting can hear each other; a member participating in a members' meeting in this manner shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

38 If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which a members' meeting was due to start - or if a quorum ceases to be present during a members' meeting the meeting cannot proceed; and fresh notices of meeting will require to be sent out, to deal with the business (or remaining business) which was intended to be conducted.

39 The chair of the organisation should act as chairperson of each members' meeting.

40 If the chair of the organisation is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which the meeting was due to start (or is not willing to act as chairperson), the charity trustees present at the meeting must elect (from among themselves) the person who will act as chairperson of that meeting.

## Voting at members' meetings

41 Every member has one vote, which must be given personally or (in the case of a member which is a corporate body) given via its authorised representative present at the meeting.; for the avoidance of doubt, a vote given by a member participating in the meeting through any of the methods referred to in clause 37.1 will be taken to be given personally for the purposes of this clause.
41.1 A member which is a corporate body shall be entitled to authorise an individual to attend and vote at members' meetings; he/she will then be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the body which he/she represents as that body could have exercised if it had been an individual member of the organisation.
43.3 a resolution directing the board to take any particular step (or directing the board not to take any particular step);
43.4 a resolution approving the amalgamation of the organisation with another SCIO (or approving the constitution of the new SCIO to be constituted as the successor pursuant to that amalgamation);
43.5 a resolution to the effect that all of the organisation's property, rights and liabilities should be transferred to another SCIO (or agreeing to the transfer from another SCIO of all of its property, rights and liabilities);
43.6 a resolution for the winding up or dissolution of the organisation.

44 If there is an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the chairperson of the meeting will be entitled to a second (casting) vote.

45 A resolution put to the vote at a members' meeting will be decided on a show of hands - unless the chairperson (or at least two other individuals present at the meeting and entitled to vote, whether as members or as the authorised representatives of corporate bodies which are members) ask for a secret ballot.

46 The chairperson will decide how any secret ballot is to be conducted, and they will declare the result of the ballot at the meeting.

## Written resolutions by members

47 A resolution agreed to in writing (or by e-mail) by all the members will be as valid as if it had been passed at a members' meeting; the date of the resolution will be taken to be the date on which the last member agreed to it.

## Minutes

48 The board must ensure that proper minutes are kept in relation to all members' meetings.

49 Minutes of members' meetings must include the names of those present; and (so far as possible) should be signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

50 The board shall make available copies of the minutes referred to in clause 48 to any member of the public requesting them; but on the basis that the board may exclude confidential material to the extent permitted under clause 94

## BOARD

## Number of charity trustees

51 The maximum number of charity trustees is 15 ; out of that:
51.1 no more than 15 shall be charity trustees who were elected/appointed under clauses 56 and 57 (or deemed to have been appointed under clause 55); and
51.2 no more than 4 shall be charity trustees who were coopted under the provisions of clauses 60 and 61.

52 The minimum number of charity trustees is 5

## Eligibility

53 A person shall not be eligible for election or appointment to the board under clauses 55 to 58 unless he/she is a member of the organisation or has been nominated for election/appointment to the board by a member which is a corporate body; a person appointed to the board under
clause 60 need not, however, be a member of the organisation.

54 A person will not be eligible for election or appointment to the board if they are: -
54.1 disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;

## Initial charity trustees

55 The individuals who signed the charity trustee declaration forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the organisation shall be deemed to have been appointed by the members as charity trustees with effect from the date of incorporation of the organisation.

## Election, retiral, re-election

56 At each AGM, the members may elect any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 54) to be a charity trustee.

57 The board may at any time appoint any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 54) to be a charity trustee.
57.1 A member which is a corporate body may (subject to clause 57.2) nominate any individual for election/appointment to the board; he/she will then be deemed to be a member of the organisation for the purposes of clauses 56 and 57
57.2 No more than one individual nominated under clause 57.1 by each corporate member may serve as a charity trustee at any given time.

58 At each AGM, all of the charity trustees elected/appointed under clauses 56 and 57 (and, in the case of the first AGM, those deemed to have been appointed under clause 55) shall retire from office - but shall then be eligible for reelection under clause 56.

59 A charity trustee retiring at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless: -
59.1 they advise the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that they do not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
59.2 an election process was held at the AGM and they were not among those elected/re-elected through that process; or
59.3 a resolution for the re-election of that charity trustee was put to the AGM and was not carried.

## Appointment/re-appointment of co-opted charity trustees

60 In addition to their powers under clause 57, the board may at any time appoint any non-member of the organisation to be a charity trustee (subject to clause 51, and providing they are not debarred from membership under clause 54) either on the basis that they have been nominated by "a body with which the organisation has close contact in the course of its activities" or on the basis that they have specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the board.

61 At each AGM, all of the charity trustees appointed under clause 60 shall retire from office - but shall then be eligible for re-appointment under that clause.

## Termination of office

62 A charity trustee will automatically cease to hold office if: -
62.1 they become disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
62.2 they become incapable for medical reasons of carrying out their duties as a charity trustee - but only if that has continued (or is expected to continue) for a period of more than six months;
62.3 (in the case of a charity trustee elected/appointed under clauses 55 to 59) he/she ceases to be a member of the organisation or (if he/she was nominated by a corporate body) the corporate body which nominated him/her ceases to be a member of the organisation
62.4 they give the organisation a notice of resignation, signed by them;
62.5 they are absent (without good reason, in the opinion of the board) from more than three consecutive meetings of the board - but only if the board resolves to remove them from office;
62.6 they are removed from office by resolution of the board on the grounds that they are considered to have committed a material breach of the code of conduct for charity trustees (as referred to in clause 79);
62.7 they are removed from office by resolution of the board on the grounds that they are considered to have been in serious or persistent breach of their duties under section 66(1) or (2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; or
62.8 they are removed from office by a resolution of the members passed at a members' meeting.

63 A resolution under paragraph $62.6,62.7$ or 62.8 shall be valid only if: -
63.1 the charity trustee who is the subject of the resolution is given reasonable prior written notice of the grounds upon which the resolution for their removal is to be proposed;
63.2 the charity trustee concerned is given the opportunity to address the meeting at which the resolution is proposed, prior to the resolution being put to the vote; and
63.3 (in the case of a resolution under paragraph 62.6 or 62.7) at least two thirds (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees then in office vote in favour of the resolution.

## Register of charity trustees

64 The board must keep a register of charity trustees, setting out
64.1 for each current charity trustee:
64.1.1 their full name and address;
64.1.2 the date on which they were appointed as a charity trustee; and
64.1.3 the name of the corporate member which nominated him/her for appointment as a charity trustee (if applicable);
64.1.4 any office held by him/her in the organisation
64.2 for each former charity trustee - for at least 6 years from the date on which they ceased to be a charity trustee:
64.2.1 the name of the charity trustee;
64.2.2 any office held by them in the organisation; and
64.2.3 the date on which they ceased to be a charity trustee.

65 The board must ensure that the register of charity trustees is updated within 28 days of any change:
65.1 which arises from a resolution of the board or a resolution passed by the members of the organisation; or
65.2 which is notified to the organisation.

66 If any person requests a copy of the register of charity trustees, the board must ensure that a copy is supplied to them within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable; if the request is made by a person who is not a charity trustee of the organisation, the board may provide a copy which has the addresses blanked out - if the SCIO is satisfied that including that information is likely to jeopardise the safety or security of any person or premises.

## Office-bearers

67 The charity trustees must elect (from among themselves) a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

68 In addition to the office-bearers required under clause 67, the charity trustees may elect (from among themselves) further office-bearers if they consider that appropriate.

69 All of the office-bearers will cease to hold office at the conclusion of each AGM, but may then be re-elected under clause 67 or 68.

70 A person elected to any office will automatically cease to hold that office: -
70.1 if they cease to be a charity trustee; or
70.2 if they give to the organisation a notice of resignation from that office, signed by them.

## Powers of board

71 Except where this constitution states otherwise, the organisation (and its assets and operations) will be managed by the board; and the board may exercise all the powers of the organisation.

72 A meeting of the board at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the board.

73 The members may, by way of a resolution passed in compliance with clause 43 (requirement for two-thirds majority), direct the board to take any particular step or direct the board not to take any particular step; and the board shall give effect to any such direction accordingly.

## Charity trustees - general duties

74 Each of the charity trustees has a duty, in exercising functions as a charity trustee, to act in the interests of the organisation; and, in particular, must:-
74.1 seek, in good faith, to ensure that the organisation acts in a manner which is in accordance with its purposes;
74.2 act with the care and diligence which it is reasonable to expect of a person who is managing the affairs of another person;
74.3 in circumstances giving rise to the possibility of a conflict of interest between the organisation and any other party:
74.3.1 put the interests of the organisation before that of the other party;
74.3.2 where any other duty prevents them from doing so, disclose the conflicting interest to the organisation and refrain from participating in any deliberation or decision of the other charity trustees with regard to the matter in question;
74.4 ensure that the organisation complies with any direction, requirement, notice or duty imposed under or by virtue of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

75 In addition to the duties outlined in clause 74, all of the charity trustees must take such steps as are reasonably practicable for the purpose of ensuring: -
75.1 that any breach of any of those duties by a charity trustee is corrected by the charity trustee concerned and not repeated; and
75.2 that any trustee who has been in serious and persistent breach of those duties is removed as a trustee.

76 Provided they have declared their interest - and have not voted on the question of whether or not the organisation should enter into the arrangement - a charity trustee will not be debarred from entering into an arrangement with the organisation in which they have a personal interest; and (subject to clause 77 and to the provisions relating to remuneration for services contained in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005), they may retain any personal benefit which arises from that arrangement.

77 No charity trustee may be given any remuneration by the organisation for carrying out their duties as a charity trustee: and no charity trustee may serve as an employee (full time or part time) of the organisation except for as an employee on a specific funded project and approved by the board and shall not engage in any board discussions or decisions relating to that project.

78 The charity trustees may be paid all travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with carrying out their duties; this may include expenses relating to their attendance at meetings.

## Code of conduct for charity trustees

79 Each of the charity trustees shall comply with the code of conduct (incorporating detailed rules on conflict of interest) prescribed by the board from time to time.

80 The code of conduct referred to in clause 79 shall be supplemental to the provisions relating to the conduct of charity trustees contained in this constitution and the duties imposed on charity trustees under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and all relevant provisions of this constitution shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the provisions of the code of conduct in force from time to time

## DECISION-MAKING BY THE CHARITY TRUSTEES

## Notice of board meetings

81 Any charity trustee may call a meeting of the board or ask the secretary to call a meeting of the board.

82 At least 7 days' notice must be given of each board meeting, unless (in the opinion of the person calling the meeting) there is a degree of urgency which makes that inappropriate.

## Procedure at board meetings

83 No valid decisions can be taken at a board meeting unless a quorum is present; the quorum for board meetings is 5 charity trustees, present in person.
83.1 A charity trustee may participate in a meeting of the board by means of a conference telephone, video conferencing facility or similar communications equipment-so long as all the charity trustees participating in the meeting can hear each other; a charity trustee participating in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting

84 If at any time the number of charity trustees in office falls below the number stated as the quorum in clause 83, the remaining charity trustee(s) will have power to fill the
vacancies or call a members' meeting - but will not be able to take any other valid decisions.

85 The chair of the organisation should act as chairperson of each board meeting.

86 If the chair is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which the meeting was due to start (or is not willing to act as chairperson), the charity trustees present at the meeting must elect (from among themselves) the person who will act as chairperson of that meeting.

87 Every charity trustee has one vote, which must be given personally; for the avoidance of doubt, a vote given by a charity trustee participating in the meeting through any of the methods referred to in clause 83.1 will be taken to be given personally for the purposes of this clause.

88 All decisions at board meetings will be made by majority vote.

89 If there is an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the chairperson of the meeting will be entitled to a second (casting) vote.

90 The board may, at its discretion, allow any person to attend and speak at a board meeting notwithstanding that they are not a charity trustee - but on the basis that they must not participate in decision-making.

91 A charity trustee must not vote at a board meeting (or at a meeting of a sub-committee) on any resolution which relates to a matter in which they have a personal interest or duty which conflicts (or may conflict) with the interests of the organisation; they must withdraw from the meeting while an item of that nature is being dealt with.

For the purposes of clause 91: -
92.1 an interest held by an individual who is "connected" with the charity trustee under section 68(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (husband/wife, partner, child, parent, brother/sister etc) shall be deemed to be held by that charity trustee;
92.2 a charity trustee will be deemed to have a personal interest in relation to a particular matter if a body in relation to which they are an employee, director,
member of the management committee, officer or elected representative has an interest in that matter.

## Minutes

93 The board must ensure that proper minutes are kept in relation to all board meetings and meetings of subcommittees.

94 The minutes to be kept under clause 93 must include the names of those present; and (so far as possible) should be signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

## ADMINISTRATION

## Delegation to sub-committees

95 The board may delegate any of their powers to subcommittees; a sub-committee must include at least one charity trustee, but other members of a sub-committee need not be charity trustees.

96 The board may also delegate to the chair of the organisation (or the holder of any other post) such of their powers as they may consider appropriate.

97 When delegating powers under clause 95 or 96 , the board must set out appropriate conditions (which must include an obligation to report regularly to the board).

98 Any delegation of powers under clause 95 or 96 may be revoked or altered by the board at any time.

99 The rules of procedure for each sub-committee, and the provisions relating to membership of each sub-committee, shall be set by the board.

## Operation of accounts

100 Subject to clause 101, the signatures of two out of three signatories appointed by the board will be required in relation to all operations (other than the lodging of funds)
on the bank and building society accounts held by the organisation; at least one out of the two signatures must be the signature of a charity trustee.

101 Where the organisation uses electronic facilities for the operation of any bank or building society account, the authorisations required for operations on that account must be consistent with the approach reflected in clause 100.

## Accounting records and annual accounts

102 The board must ensure that proper accounting records are kept, in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements.

103 The board must prepare annual accounts, complying with all relevant statutory requirements; if an audit is required under any statutory provisions (or if the board consider that an audit would be appropriate for some other reason), the board should ensure that an audit of the accounts is carried out by a qualified auditor.

## MISCELLANEOUS

## Winding-up

104 If the organisation is to be wound up or dissolved, the winding-up or dissolution process will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

105 Any surplus assets available to the organisation immediately preceding its winding up or dissolution must be used for purposes which are the same as - or which closely resemble - the purposes of the organisation as set out in this constitution.

## Alterations to the constitution

106 This constitution may (subject to clause 107) be altered by resolution of the members passed at a members' meeting (subject to achieving the two thirds majority referred to in clause 43) or by way of a written resolution of the members.

107 The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 prohibits taking certain steps (e.g. change of name, an alteration to the purposes, amalgamation, winding-up) without the consent of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

## Interpretation

108 References in this constitution to the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 should be taken to include:
108.1 any statutory provision which adds to, modifies or replaces that Act; and
108.2 any statutory instrument issued in pursuance of that Act or in pursuance of any statutory provision falling under paragraph 108.1 above

109 In this constitution: -
109.1 "charity" means a body which is either a "Scottish charity" within the meaning of section 13 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or a "charity" within the meaning of section 1 of the Charities Act 2011, providing (in either case) that its objects are limited to charitable purposes;
109.2 "charitable purpose" means a charitable purpose under section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 which is also regarded as a charitable purpose in relation to the application of the Taxes Acts.

