

Erkina River Choir - Constitution - Sept. 2026



Constitution of Erkina River Choir

1. Name

The name of the group shall be '**Erkina River Choir**', hereinafter referred to as "the Choir".

2. Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the Choir shall be:

- To bring members of the community together for the enjoyment and practice of choral singing.
- To organize regular rehearsals and occasional community performances.
- To foster a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members.

3. Membership

- Membership is open to anyone in the community who shares the aims of the Choir, regardless of experience.
- Members agree to abide by this constitution and any guidelines set out by the Committee (see 'guidelines' below)
- Initial and ongoing contributions (e.g., membership fees) will be decided by the Committee to cover operational costs.

4. Guidelines

- Members agree to follow Erkina River Choir's charter or guidelines.
 - Kindness and respect towards all members
 - Focus on singing
 - Positive environment for all
 - If a member has any problems with another member, they speak directly to the person to seek resolution. If this does not resolve the problem, please speak to a committee member or the musical director.
 - Punctuality: Showing up on time and being ready to sing.
 - Being a team player

The committee reserve the right to ask any member who is not abiding by the basic guidelines and is causing excessive, repeated disruption to other members to leave.

5. Management Committee

The Choir shall be managed by a Committee of volunteers elected or agreed upon by the members. The Committee shall consist of at least three core officers:

- **Chairperson:** Responsible for chairing meetings, overseeing the general running of the Choir, and acting as the main point of contact.
- **Secretary:** Responsible for keeping minutes of meetings, managing communication with members, and organizing rehearsal schedules.
- **Treasurer:** Responsible for managing the Choir's finances, maintaining accurate financial records, and overseeing fundraising/collections.

The Committee may co-opt additional general members to help with specific tasks (e.g., event planning, music library management, social media PRO) as required.

6. Finance and Accounts

- All funds raised or collected by the Choir must be used solely to further the aims of the Choir (e.g., insurance, venue hire, sheet music, equipment, sheet music licensing).
- The Treasurer will maintain an accurate, up-to-date record of all income and expenditures.
- Financial transactions will be managed transparently (e.g., via a dedicated Revolut Group Pocket or community bank account managed by the Treasurer).
- A brief financial report will be made available to members annually or upon reasonable request.

7. Meetings

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** An AGM will be held once a year to review the Choir's activities, present the financial report, and re-confirm or elect Committee members.

- **Committee Meetings:** The Committee will meet as often as necessary to manage the day-to-day business of the Choir.
- **Communication:** The committee may communicate via a shared whatsapp group, for example, in order to discuss and plan as a group rather than meet physically.

8. Venue and Performances

- **Choice of venue:** The decision on where the choir rehearses and performs lies ultimately with the committee. As the choir grows or diminishes, new venues may be sought in order to accommodate all members.
- **Performances and song repertoire:** The musical director and committee may discuss options with the choir and seek their opinion on potential performance invitations as well as repertoire where possible. Acceptance of an invitation to perform lies with the committee or musical director.

9. Dissolution

If the Committee decides by a simple majority that the Choir can no longer function or must dissolve:

- Any remaining assets or funds, after all debts and liabilities (such as outstanding insurance bills) have been paid, will not be distributed to individuals.
- Instead, remaining funds will be donated to a local charity or community group with similar community objectives, to be decided by the outgoing Committee.

Adoption of the Constitution

This constitution was officially adopted on the date below by the founding Committee members of the Choir.

Date: _____

Signed (Chairperson): _____ **Print Name:** _____

Signed (Secretary): _____ **Print Name:** _____

Signed (Treasurer): _____ **Print Name:** _____
