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## 1. Charity Purpose

- 1.1. Advancement of education in the fields of geology, water research, environmental conservation, and related scientific disciplines, including running courses and educational tours.
- 1.2. Promotion of environmental protection and research to improve water quality, conserve natural springs, and reduce pollution. This includes using the latest technology for research and analysis.
- 1.3. Geological and water research activities, including field studies, laboratory analysis, and surveys of underground water sources and geological formations.
- 1.4. Campaigning and advocacy to ban harmful chemicals, plastics, "forever chemicals" (PFAS), sewage spills, and other environmental contaminants that affect water quality.
- 1.5. Public benefit activities such as geological tours, workshops, and events to engage the public in water and geology education and conservation.
- 2. Powers of the Charity 2.1. Raise funds, accept donations, and operate a shop or other commercial activities; all profits to be used solely for charitable purposes.
- 2.2. Purchase, lease, or rent property, equipment, vehicles, and technology needed for research, educational, or charitable activities, including lab and lapidary equipment, XRF machines, and geological tools.
- 2.3. Employ staff, contract experts, and pay reasonable fees for services related to legitimate charity work. 2.4. Make grants or donations to other charities and organisations that further the charity's purposes.
- 2.5. Conduct events, courses, and tours to educate and engage the public.

## 3. Trustees

- 3.1. Eligibility: Trustees must be at least 16 years old, not disqualified under charity law, and capable of acting in the best interests of the charity.
- 3.2. Trustee Remuneration: Trustees may not personally benefit from the charity's surplus except for approved legitimate work and legitimate expenses.

- 3.3. Removal of Trustees: A trustee may resign at any time, will automatically cease to hold office if disqualified, and may be removed by resolution of other trustees for good reason.
- 3.4. Appointment of Trustees: New trustees may be appointed by existing trustees or AGM. Minimum three trustees must be maintained.
- 3.5. Meetings and Quorum: Trustees will hold regular meetings. Quorum is a majority of current trustees.

## 4. Public Benefit

All activities must benefit the public, including educational, scientific, and environmental purposes.

- 5. Financial Provisions
- 5.1. Funds: All income and surplus funds must be used only for the charity's purposes.
- 5.2. Payments to Trustees and Staff: Trustees can be paid for approved legitimate work outside governance role. Legitimate expenses can be reimbursed.
- 5.3. Annual Reporting: Accounts, income, expenditure, and activities must be reported annually to the Charity Commission.

## 6. Dissolution

On dissolution, any remaining assets will be transferred to another charity with similar purposes. Trustees must ensure proper winding-up procedures.

7. Miscellaneous The governing document may be amended with trustee approval and Charity Commission consent.

Trustees may hold other positions in unrelated companies or NGOs provided no conflict of interest arises.

