

**Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014**

*Acknowledgement of registration of a rule amendment*

This document acknowledges the registration of the amendment of the attached rules under Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 for:

Society: Middle Marches Community Land Trust Limited

Registration number: 8143

Date: **04 June 2020**



# Partial amendment of rules of Middle Marches Community Land Trust Ltd.

Register number: 8143

Delete the wording Rule G14.1 and substitute with;

If on the winding-up or dissolution of the Society any of its assets remain to be disposed of after its liabilities are satisfied, these assets shall not be distributed among the members, but shall be transferred instead to some Charity or Charities having objects similar to or compatible with the objects as may be decided by the Directors and recommended and approved by the members in general meeting.

Delete Rule G14.2, and Rule G14.3

Delete the wording of Rule G15.21, and substitute with:

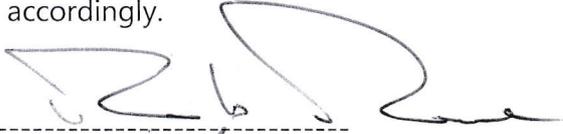
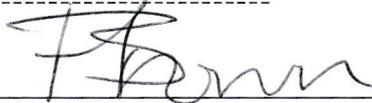
"Charitable Purpose" means a charitable purpose under section 2 of the Charities Act 2011;

"Charity" means a body which is charitable for the purposes of the law of England and Wales and which in particular:

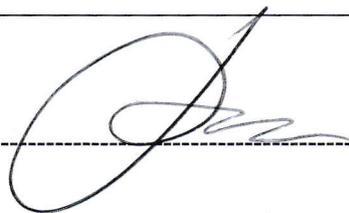
- has exclusively charitable purposes
- is operating for the benefit of the public
- has a governing document which restricts the adoption of any purposes which are not exclusively charitable in nature
- has a governing document which provides that, on dissolution, any residual assets of that body must be passed to another Charity

And "Charities" shall be construed accordingly.

Signatures of three members:

Signature of the secretary:



# Partial amendment of rules

## Section 1 – About this form

Use this form to register a partial rule change for a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (2014 Act) (except credit unions); or the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (1969 Act). Partial amendments change, add to, or delete some rules from the existing registered rules. If your rule amendment involves the renumbering of rules, please apply for a complete amendment instead.

To register a partial amendment of rules we need:

- this completed form
- one signed copy of the proposed rule amendment (or two copies where not submitting electronically). The amendment should be worded as a direction to members, telling them exactly what they should do to make the necessary changes to their own copy of the rule book. Please see page 10 for an example.
- a marked up version of the rules tracking changes made to your existing rules
- a completed Statutory Declaration form.

This form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk>.

Societies may find it helpful to read Chapter 3 of our guidance on our registration function under the 2014 Act before completing this form: <https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

## Section 2 – About this application

<b>Society name</b>	Middle Marches Community Land Trust Ltd.
<b>Register number</b>	8143

## 2.1 Who should we contact about this application?

<b>Name</b>	Jonathan Brown
<b>Role</b>	Secretary
<b>Email address</b>	Jonathan.starfish@hotmail.com
<b>Phone number</b>	07497 142 485

## Section 3B – Community benefit societies

Complete this section if your society conducts its business for the benefit of the community.

**3B.1 What is the business of the society?** For example, do you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

Our business is to work with landowners and members of the public to protect, conserve, restore and enhance our environment through the stewardship of land.

**3B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community?** Here we are looking to see *what* the benefits to the community are. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, do you relieve poverty or homelessness through providing social housing.

We provide education and advice for people wishing to improve the bio-diversity of farmland and woodland through conversion to organic practices, ways of cultivation that increases carbon capture and builds soil fertility, rewilding, creating and restoring ponds, and tree planting.

**3B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivers these benefits?**

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe *how* the society's business (as described in answer to question 3B.1) provides benefit to the community.

We deliver these benefits through events, guided walks, and providing information and contacts via the Hub on our website.

**3B.4 Does the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here?** For instance, are the society’s activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

We don’t work with a specific community, but are open to all across a wide area.

**3B.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit?** For instance, do you donate the money; does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

Any surplus will be put into reserves or be contributed towards fundraising for purchases of land.

**3B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest.** Please tell us how you ensure that any such conflict of interest does not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

We do not have, or have had, any significant commercial arrangements with any other organisation.

**3B.7 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority.** 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

One of our Directors, Tim Selman is Manager of the Wyre Community Land Trust.

**Please go to Section 4.**

## Section 4 – Completing this application

### 4.1 Please confirm the proposed rule amendment has been signed by 3 members and the secretary (4 signatures in total)

The rules contain the required signatures

### 4.2 Please confirm which of the following you are submitting:

One electronic, scanned signed copy of the rules

**Or** two signed paper copies of the rules

### 4.3 Please confirm you have included a marked-up copy of the rules showing what changes the society is making to its existing rules.

A marked-up copy of the rules is enclosed

## Section 5 – Statutory Declaration

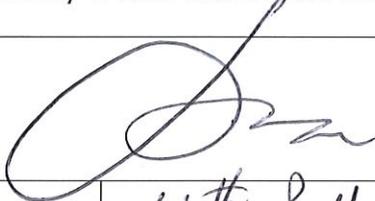
### 5.1 Please complete this statutory declaration

An officer of the society or credit union must complete this section:

<b>Name</b>	Jonathan Brown
<b>Role</b>	Secretary

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the amendment of the rules of the said society or credit union, a copy of which is attached marked 'X', complies with 1969 Act/2014 Act (as applicable) and has been duly made by the society in the manner provided in its rules for the making, altering or rescinding of rules.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020

This was declared before me, a:

- Solicitor
- Commissioner for oaths
- Notary Public
- Justice of the Peace

<b>Name</b>	Caroline Denham
<b>Declared at:</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020

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