



**FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL  
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER  
CHARITY**

**Tribunal Reference:** CA/2015/0009  
**Appellant:** Crocels Community Media Group  
**Respondents:** Charity Commission for England and Wales  
**Judge:** Peter Lane

**CASE MANAGEMENT NOTE**

1. The parties have agreed the directions set out below. I consider them appropriate and therefore make them, pursuant to rule 5 of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009.
2. I note that the appellant and the respondent have in correspondence discussed the issue of whether the Centre for Research into Online Communities and E-Learning Systems (Wales) Limited and the Crocels Press Limited should be made parties to the appeal. No application has been made to this effect and I note from the email of 11 January that Jonathan Bishop, who acts on behalf of the appellant, wishes to refer to the two companies as interested parties.
3. Jonathan Bishop is entitled to refer to these companies in the course of putting the case for the appellant. The Tribunal does not, however, intend to make them parties to the appeal because it is not satisfied that conferring this formal status on them would assist the determination of the issue in this appeal, which is the respondent's refusal to register the appellant. If the two other companies play some role with the appellant, which the appellant considers should be taken into account in deciding the charitable status of the appellant, then the appellant is entitled to refer to this and to give any information regarding the companies that is considered to be relevant in this regard.
4. I do not consider that it is appropriate for Mr Edwards to be made a party to the appeal. On the contrary, he cannot in law be a respondent to the appeal and there is no other reason for him to be a party.

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## DIRECTIONS

Upon the parties agreeing the following directions **IT IS DIRECTED** as follows:

### **Mode of hearing**

1. This appeal shall be determined without a hearing **on the first available date after 14 June 2016.**

### **Agreed bundle of documents**

2. The parties are to use their best endeavours to agree the contents of a bundle of documents for the Tribunal, in accordance with the arrangements set out below.
3. The first draft of the index to the hearing bundle is to be prepared by the Respondent and served on the Appellant **by 5pm on 1 February 2016.** The Respondent shall also serve electronic copies of all of the documents on the index by that date.
4. **By 5pm on 15 February 2016,** the Appellant is to notify the Respondent whether there are any additional documents in its possession that it wishes to add to the bundle.
5. A consolidated version of the bundle is to be prepared by the Appellant and served on the Respondent in electronic form **by 5pm on 29 February 2016.**

### **Witness statements**

6. **By 5pm on 14 March 2016,** the Appellant is to serve on the Respondent any written witness statements on which it wishes to rely. If the witness statements refer to any documents in the bundle, the relevant page number is to be used in the statement(s).
7. **By 5pm on 28 March 2016,** the Respondent is to serve on the Appellant any written witness statements on which it wishes to rely.
8. **By 5pm on 4 April 2016,** the Appellant may (if so advised) serve on the Respondent one or more further written witness statements. Such statement(s) are to be limited to replying to points raised in the Respondent's written witness statement(s).

### **Lodging of bundles with the Tribunal**

9. A final version of the hearing bundle, to include any witness statements and any exhibits, is to be prepared by the Appellant and four copies are to be lodged with the Tribunal **by 18 April 2016.**

### **Written submissions**

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10. **By 5pm on 3 May 2016**, the Appellant is to file its written submissions with the Tribunal and to serve them on the Respondent.
  11. **By 5pm on 17 May 2016**, the Respondent is to file its written submissions with the Tribunal and to serve them on the Appellant.

**Bundle of authorities and statutory materials**

12. The parties are to use their best endeavours to agree a bundle of authorities and statutory materials, in accordance with the directions below. The authorities should only be those specifically referred to in the written submissions.
13. The first draft of the index to the authorities bundle is to be prepared by the Respondent and served on the Appellant **by 5pm on 24 May 2016**. The Respondent shall also serve electronic copies of all of the authorities on the index by that date.
14. The Appellant is to notify the Respondent whether there are additional materials that it wishes to be included in the authorities bundle **by 5pm on 31 May 2016**.
15. A consolidated version of the authorities bundle is to be prepared by the Appellant and filed with the Tribunal and served on the Respondent in electronic form **by 5pm on 7 June 2016**.

**Other**

16. Each party has permission to apply to vary these directions or to apply for further directions. Any such application is to be in writing, to set out the full reasons for the application and (where applicable) to be filed before the time limit for complying with the direction has been reached.

**Judge Peter Lane**

**Chamber President**

**Dated 25 January 2016**