Comely Bank Publishing: Membership Terms and Conditions

Comely Bank Publishing (CBP) is a self-publishing association which aims to help its members publish their own books. In addition, by publishing a book under the imprint of Comely Bank Publishing, the author receives an endorsement that his or her book meets our standards. We are not vanity publishers. At any stage we reserve the right to withdraw our support and that endorsement.

What we hope for is that, if one of our author's books becomes a best-seller or even attracts attention, some of the stardust will sprinkle onto all the other titles as well.

Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) understands CBP to be a not-for-profit 'club' and its accounts are held in a Treasurer's Account with the Bank of Scotland. Comely Bank Publishing makes no charge for its services other than to pass on necessary expenses, including but not only printing costs, distribution, and the management of its ISBN with Nielsen. Authors may choose to come to private arrangements with other CBP authors for particular services, such as proof-reading or editing, but no CBP author will seek such income through the association and in no way will CBP be accountable for any such arrangement.

What you should expect from us:

- 1. A decision as to whether your book might enjoy be published under the Comely Bank Publishing logo and receive our endorsement;
- 2. Advice on how to make your book better;
- 3. If we accept you, an ISBN at a small cost to cover its management at Nielsen and the deposit copies of six of your books at the UK Legal Libraries;
- 4. Advice on how to obtain editing, proof-reading, cover-design and publicity;
- 5. Payment of net royalties, i.e. less any necessary expenses such as postage and packing;
- 6. A regular financial statement, frequency depending on account activity;
- 7. Advice on marketing and selling, although authors should understand that this difficult stage will require a lot of work from themselves.

What we expect from our authors:

- 1. Timeous payment in advance for any costs CBP incurs;
- 2. Polite willingness to listen to advice on all subjects we're doing this for nothing;
- 3. Support for all other others in Comely Bank Publishing, including being familiar with their work, promoting their books alongside their own, showing support by attending book launches, ensuring their book carries a 'house ad' that promotes other CBP titles, etc.;
- 4. An understanding that their book is a self-published book and that all CBP authors and their books enjoy equal status;
- 5. Be able to supply the ISBN manager with sufficient copies of their books to allow bookseller orders to be fulfilled promptly;
- 6. Store copies of their own books over and above (5);
- 7. As with any association, behave in a manner that befits the association and its aims.

At any point, either the author or CBP may terminate the agreement without notice. In particular, authors must understand that they retain all rights and that they remain free to sell those rights to other publishers should they so wish. In the event of termination, all book stock remains the property of the author, but the edition(s) will be declared Out of Print with Nielsen. Authors may remainder or destroy their CBP copies as they wish, but CBP will cease to manage any orders.

In the event of Comely Bank Publishing ceasing to exist, all books and sums due to authors will be returned but neither CBP nor any of its members will be liable for any costs incurred by its authors.

Any author publishing with Comely Bank Publishing by implication accepts these terms and conditions.

30th September 2015