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## CONSTITUTION

of

**MACKIE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**  
Charity Number SC051025



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## **GENERAL**

### **1. Type of Organisation**

The organisation will, upon registration, be a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

### **2. Scottish Principal Office**

The principal office of the organisation will be in Scotland (and must remain in Scotland) and is care of:

Alan Venters Vice President  
Ardgour, Kirk Road Stonehaven AB39 2DX.

### **3. Name**

The name of the organisation is:

Mackie Rugby Football Club.

### **4. Community & Purposes**

4.1. The Organisation has been formed to benefit those who participate, in Rugby Football Union and ancillary sport and social activities in Stonehaven and surrounding districts, from the age of age three, regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs Nearly 100% of the members reside within our local catchment area (the “Community”), with the following purpose.

4.2. The Organisation’s purposes are:

The advancement of public participation in sport through the promotion, practising and playing of Rugby Football Union and other sports in Stonehaven and surrounding districts. The provision of recreational facilities and organised sporting pursuits to improve the well-being and conditions of life for the community in Stonehaven and districts, through participation in sport and social activities in the furtherance of these objects. The advancement of education where appropriate and to broaden the development, skills, and knowledge, therefore improving the individual capabilities of children, youth, young adults, and adults. To work with those involved in sport, particularly the



sport of Rugby Union in relation to such activities and charitable purposes. This will include, although not restricted to, (i) organisation of teams, training, and games at the organisation's facilities within Stonehaven; (ii) participation in the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) League structures and cup competitions; and (iii) developing its involvement in working with Aberdeenshire Council "Active Schools" programme or any replacement thereof and providing coaching staff within local schools and other voluntary organisations.

#### 4.3. Definition of Community (area)

The club which is based in Stonehaven and within the Aberdeenshire Council Kincardine and Mearns Area:

Stonehaven

- Mackie Academy and feeder primary schools

Portlethen

- Portlethen Academy and feeder primary schools

Laurencekirk

- Mearns Academy and feeder primary schools

This covers a local community area from Portlethen in the North, to Luthermuir in the South and in land to Banchory Devenick.

### **Powers**

5. The organisation has power to do anything which is calculated to further its purposes or is conducive or incidental to doing so.
6. No part of the income or property of the organisation may be paid or transferred (directly or indirectly) to the members - either in the course of the Organisation's existence or on dissolution - except where this is done in direct furtherance of the organisation's charitable purposes.



## **Liability of Members**

7. The members of the organisation have no liability to pay any sums to help to meet the debts (or other liabilities) of the organisation if it is wound up; accordingly, if the organisation is unable to meet its debts, the members will not be held responsible.
8. The members and charity trustees have certain legal duties under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and clause 7 does not exclude (or limit) any personal liabilities they might incur if they are in breach of those duties or in breach of other legal obligations or duties that apply to them personally.

## **General Structure**

9. The structure and governance of the organisation consists of: -
  - 9.1. The MEMBERS who must be members of the Community in accordance with clause 11 and - who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the Board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.
  - 9.2. The BOARD who must be Members of the community in accordance with clause 61 who hold regular meetings, and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.
  - 9.3. The ownership and control of the organisation is therefore vested in the Members and the Board who are all required to be Members of the Organisation in accordance with clauses 11 and 61.
10. The people serving on the board are referred to in this constitution as CHARITY TRUSTEES.



## **MEMBERS**

### **11. Qualifications for membership**

- 11.1. The organisation has an equal opportunities policy and membership shall be open to anyone in the Community. The organisation shall not have fewer than 20 members at any time. In the event that the number of members falls below 20, the Board may conduct only essential business other than taking steps to ensure the admission of sufficient Adult Members to achieve the minimum number Adult playing member – This category of membership shall be open to those aged 18 and over and only adult playing members with fully paid-up subscriptions shall have full voting rights at members' meetings.
- 11.2. Youth playing member - This category of membership shall be open to those in Secondary school, further education and employment who are under the age of 18. Youth playing members aged under 18 shall have no voting rights at members' meetings. (Such Members not being eligible to serve as Charity Trustees).
- 11.3. Mini playing member – This category of membership shall be open to those in Primary 4 to Primary 7. Mini playing members shall have no voting rights at members' meetings. (Such Members not being eligible to serve as Charity Trustees).
- 11.4. Micro & Tots playing member - This category of membership shall be open to those aged 3 and to Primary 1 to Primary 3. Micro & tots playing members shall have no voting rights at members' meetings. (Such Members not being eligible to serve as Charity Trustees).
- 11.5. Social member – This category of membership shall be subject to approval by the executive committee or trustees and shall have voting rights at members meetings subject to being a fully paid annual member.
- 11.6. Associate Membership – This membership can be made available to other local community groups and individuals and holds no membership voting rights.
- 11.7. Life Member - This category of membership shall be appointed by the Board and members at the AGM and shall have full voting rights at members' meetings.
- 11.8. Honorary Member - This category of membership shall be appointed by the Board and members at the AGM and shall have no voting rights at members' meetings.



12. Employees of the organisation are not eligible for membership.
13. The Playing membership classes are currently restricted to those that are physically fit and able due to the nature of the game, however the long term aim of the organisation is to develop and provide support for those who have physical disabilities.

### **Application for Membership**

14. Any person who wishes to become a member must sign a written application for membership; the application will then be considered by the board at its next board meeting.
15. The board may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership.
16. The board must notify each applicant promptly (in writing or by email) of its decision on whether or not to admit them to membership.

### **Membership Subscription**

17. Members shall require paying an annual subscription; unless and until otherwise determined by the members, the amount of the annual membership shall be as follows:

17.1.1	Adult playing member	£
17.1.2	Adult Mammoth playing member	
17.1.3	Youth playing member	
17.1.4	Mini playing member	
17.1.5	Tots and Micro playing member	
17.1.6	Honorary member	£0
17.1.7	Life Membership (can be applied for after a minimum of 8 x years consecutive senior playing membership and an additional one off payment – subject to executive committee approval)	£0
17.1.8	Family membership	
17.1.9	Social Membership	
17.1.10	Associate Membership	



18. The annual membership subscriptions shall be payable on or before 31st August in each year.
19. The members may vary the amount or category of the annual membership subscriptions and/or the date on which it falls due in each year, by way of a resolution to that effect passed at an AGM.
20. If the membership subscription payable by any member remains outstanding for more than 8 weeks after the date on which it fell due – and providing he/she has been given at least one written reminder – the board may, by resolution to that effect, expel him/her from membership.
21. A person who ceases (for whatever reason) to be a member shall not be entitled to any refund of the membership subscription.
22. The board must notify each applicant promptly (in writing or by email) of its decision on, whether or not, to admit him/her to membership.
23. Membership subscription - the organisation has Playing and Non-Playing membership classes with subscriptions set on a non-discriminatory and fair basis; The board may, at their discretion, provide assistance to any member who is unable to pay the subscription on application to the Treasurer/Head of Finance.

### **Register of Members**

24. The board must keep a register of members, setting out
  - 24.1. for each current member:
    - 24.1.1 Their full name and address; and
    - 24.1.2 The date on which they were registered as a member of the organisation
  - 24.2 For each former member - for at least six years from the date on which they ceased to be a member:
    - 24.2.1 Their name; and
    - 24.2.2 The date on which they ceased to be a member



25. The board must ensure that the register of members is updated within 28 days of any change:
  - 25.1 Which arises from a resolution of the board or a resolution passed by the members of the organisation; or
  - 25.2 Which is notified to the organisation.
26. If a member or charity trustee of the organisation requests a copy of the register of members, the board must ensure that a copy is supplied to them within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable; if the request is made by a member (rather than a charity trustee), the board may provide a copy which has the addresses blanked out.

### **Withdrawal from Membership**

27. Any person who wants to withdraw from membership must give a written notice of withdrawal to the organisation, signed by them; they will cease to be a member as from the time when the notice is received by the organisation.

### **Transfer of Membership**

28. Membership of the organisation may not be transferred by a member.

### **Re-Registration of Members**

29. The board may, at any time, issue notices to the members requiring them to confirm that they wish to remain as members of the organisation and allowing them a period of 28 days (running from the date of issue of the notice) to provide that confirmation to the board.
30. If a member fails to provide confirmation to the board (in writing or by e-mail) that they wish to remain as a member of the organisation before the expiry of the 28-day period referred to in clause 29, the board may expel them from membership.
31. A notice under clause 29 will not be valid unless it refers specifically to the consequences (under clause 30) of failing to provide confirmation within the 28-day period.



## **Expulsion from Membership**

32. Any person may be expelled from membership by way of a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of those present and voting at a members' meeting, providing the following procedures have been observed.
  - 32.1 at least 21 days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given to the member concerned, specifying the grounds for the proposed expulsion.
  - 32.2 the member concerned will be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the members' meeting at which the resolution is proposed.

## **Termination**

33. Membership of the organisation will terminate on death.

## **DECISION-MAKING BY THE MEMBERS**

### **Members' Meetings**

34. The board must arrange a meeting of members (an annual general meeting or "AGM") in each calendar year which can be hosted in person or by electronic means or a combination thereof.
35. The gap between one AGM and the next must not be longer than 15 months.
36. Notwithstanding clause 34, an AGM does not need to be held during the calendar year in which the organisation is formed; but the first AGM must still be held within 15 months of the date on which the organisation is formed.
37. The business of each AGM must include: -
  - 37.1 a report by the chair on the activities of the organisation.
  - 37.2 consideration of the annual accounts of the organisation.
  - 37.3 the election/re-election of charity trustees, as referred to in clauses 65 to 68.



The board may arrange a special members' meeting at any time

Power to request the board to arrange a special members' meeting

38. The board must arrange a special members' meeting if they are requested to do so by a notice (which may take the form of two or more documents in the same terms, each signed by one or more members) by members who amount to 5% or more of the total membership of the organisation at the time, providing:
- 38.1 the notice states the purposes for which the meeting is to be held; and
  - 38.2 those purposes are not inconsistent with the terms of this constitution, the Charities and Trustee (Investment) Scotland Act 2005 or any other statutory provision.
39. If the board receive a notice under clause 38, the date for the meeting which they arrange in accordance with the notice must not be later than 28 days from the date on which they received the notice.

### **Notice of members' meetings**

40. At least 14 clear days' notice must be given of any AGM or any special members' meeting.
41. The notice calling a members' meeting must specify in general terms what business is to be dealt with at the meeting; and
- 41.1 in the case of a resolution to alter the constitution, must set out the exact terms of the proposed alteration(s); or
  - 41.2 in the case of any other resolution falling within clause 52 (requirement for two-thirds majority) must set out the exact terms of the resolution.
42. The reference to "clear days" in clause 40 shall be taken to mean that, in calculating the period of notice,
- 42.1 the day after the notices are posted (or sent by e-mail) should be excluded;
  - 42.2 the day of the meeting itself should also be excluded.



43. Notice of every members' meeting must be given to all the members of the organisation, and to all the charity trustees; but the accidental omission to give notice to one or more members will not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.
44. Any notice which requires to be given to a member under this constitution must be: -
  - 44.1 sent by post to the member, at the address last notified by them to the organisation; or
  - 44.2 sent by e-mail to the member, at the e-mail address last notified by them to the organisation.

#### **Procedure at members' meetings**

45. No valid decisions can be taken at any members' meeting unless a quorum is present.
46. The quorum for a members' meeting is 21 members, present in person either physically or electronic medium.
47. If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which a members' meeting was due to start - or if a quorum ceases to be present during a members' meeting - the meeting cannot proceed; and fresh notices of meeting will require to be sent out, to deal with the business (or remaining business) which was intended to be conducted.
48. The chair of the organisation should act as chairperson of each members' meeting.
49. If the chair of the organisation is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which the meeting was due to start (or is not willing to act as chairperson), the charity trustees present at the meeting must elect (from among themselves) the person who will act as chairperson of that meeting.



### **Voting at members' meetings**

50. Every member has one vote, which must be given personally.
51. All decisions at members' meetings will be made by majority vote - with the exception of the types of resolution listed in clause 52.
52. The following resolutions will be valid only if passed by not less than two thirds of those voting on the resolution at a members' meeting (or if passed by way of a written resolution under clause 56):
  - 52.1 a resolution amending the constitution.
  - 52.2 a resolution expelling a person from membership under clause 32.
  - 52.3 a resolution directing the board to take any particular step (or directing the board not to take any particular step);
  - 52.4 a resolution approving the amalgamation of the organisation with another SCIO (or approving the constitution of the new SCIO to be constituted as the successor pursuant to that amalgamation);
  - 52.5 a resolution to the effect that all of the organisation's property, rights and liabilities should be transferred to another SCIO (or agreeing to the transfer from another SCIO of all of its property, rights and liabilities);
  - 52.6 a resolution for the winding up or dissolution of the organisation.
53. If there is an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the chairperson of the meeting will be entitled to a second (casting) vote.
54. A resolution put to the vote at a members' meeting will be decided on a show of hands - unless the chairperson (or at least two other members present at the meeting) ask for a secret ballot.
55. The chairperson will decide how any secret ballot is to be conducted, and they will declare the result of the ballot at the meeting.

### **Written resolutions by members**

56. A resolution agreed to in writing (or by e-mail) by all the members will be as valid as if it had been passed at a members' meeting; the date of the resolution will be taken to be the date on which the last member agreed to it.



## **Minutes**

57. The board must ensure that proper minutes are kept in relation to all members' meetings.
58. Minutes of members' meetings must include the names of those present; and (so far as possible) should be signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

## **BOARD**

### **Number of charity trustees**

59. The maximum number of charity trustees is 9 and the majority shall be Members and ; out of that:
  - 59.1 no more than seven shall be charity trustees who were elected/appointed under clauses 65 and 66 (or deemed to have been appointed under clause 63); and
  - 59.2 no more than 2 shall be charity trustees who were co-opted under the provisions of clauses 68 and 69.
60. The minimum number of charity trustees is [3] and in which case no more than one shall be charity trustees who were co-opted under the provisions of clauses 68 and 69.

### **Eligibility**

61. A person shall not be eligible for election/appointment to the board under clauses 64-67 unless they are a member of the organisation. A person appointed to the board under clause 68 need not, however, be a member of the organisation.
62. A person will not be eligible for election or appointment to the board if they are:
  - 62.1 disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; or
  - 62.2 an employee of the organisation.



### **Initial charity trustees**

63. The individuals who signed the 'charity trustee declaration' forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the organisation shall be deemed to have been appointed as charity trustees with effect from the date of incorporation of the organisation until resignation.

### **Election, retiral, re-election**

64. At each AGM, the executive committee may elect any member (unless they are debarred from membership under clause 62) to be an additional charity trustee who will serve for a term of 3 years.
65. At each AGM, the fully paid-up voting members may recommend and vote upon any member to the executive committee positions.
66. At AGM, all of those elected/appointed under clauses 64 and 65 shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election under clause 64.
67. A charity trustee retiring at an AGM will be deemed to have been re-elected unless: -
- 67.1 they advise the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that they do not wish to be re-appointed as a charity trustee; or
  - 67.2 a resolution for the re-election of that charity trustee was put to the AGM and was not carried.

### **Appointment/re-appointment of co-opted charity trustees**

68. In addition to their powers under clause 65, the board may at any time appoint any non-member of the organisation to be a co-opted charity trustee on the basis that they have specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the board.
69. At each AGM, all co-opted charity trustees appointed under clause 68 shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for reappointment under that clause.



## Termination of office

70. A charity trustee will automatically cease to hold office if: -
- 70.1 they become disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
  - 70.2 they become incapable for medical reasons of carrying out their duties as a charity trustee - but only if that has continued (or is expected to continue) for a period of more than six months;
  - 70.3 (in the case of a charity trustee elected/appointed under clauses 64 to 68) they cease to be a member of the organisation;
  - 70.4 they become an employee of the organisation;
  - 70.5 they give the organisation a notice of resignation, signed by them;
  - 70.6 they are absent (without good reason, in the opinion of the board) from more than three consecutive meetings of the board - but only if the board resolves to remove them from office.
  - 70.7 they are removed from office by resolution of the board on the grounds that they are considered to have committed a material breach of the code of conduct for charity trustees (as referred to in clause 87)
  - 70.8 they are removed from office by resolution of the board on the grounds that they are considered to have been in serious or persistent breach of their duties under section 66(1) or (2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; or
  - 70.9 they are removed from office by a resolution of the members passed at a members' meeting.
71. A resolution under paragraph 70.7 shall be valid only if: -
- 71.1 the charity trustee who is the subject of the resolution is given reasonable prior written notice of the grounds upon which the resolution for their removal is to be proposed.
  - 71.2 the charity trustee concerned is given the opportunity to address the meeting at which the resolution is proposed, prior to the resolution being put to the vote; and
  - 71.3 (in the case of a resolution under paragraph 71.1) at least two thirds (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees then in office vote in favour of the resolution.



## **Register of charity trustees**

72. The board must keep a register of charity trustees, setting out
- 72.1 for each current charity trustee:
    - 72.1.1 their full name and address;
    - 72.1.2 the date on which they were appointed as a charity trustee; and
    - 72.1.3 any office held by them in the organisation;
  - 72.2 for each former charity trustee - for at least 6 years from the date on which they ceased to be a charity trustee:
    - 72.2.1 the name of the charity trustee;
    - 72.2.2 any office held by them in the organisation; and
    - 72.2.3 the date on which they ceased to be a charity trustee.
73. The board must ensure that the register of charity trustees is updated within 28 days of any change:
- 73.1 which arises from a resolution of the board or a resolution passed by the members of the organisation; or
  - 73.2 which is notified to the organisation.



74. If any person requests a copy of the register of charity trustees, the board must ensure that a copy is supplied to them within 28 days, providing the request is reasonable; if the request is made by a person who is not a charity trustee of the organisation, the board may provide a copy which has the addresses blanked out - if the SCIO is satisfied that including that information is likely to jeopardise the safety or security of any person or premises.

### **Office-bearers**

75. The charity trustees must elect (from among themselves) a chair, a treasurer, and a secretary (to form the Executive Committee). The Executive Committee must be formed of fully paid up or life members of the organisation.
76. In addition to the office-bearers required under clause 75, the charity trustees may elect (from members) further office-bearers if they consider that appropriate.
77. All of the office-bearers will hold office for a period of 3 years but at the conclusion of the relevant 3 year period will cease to hold office and at conclusion of the relevant AGM may then be re-elected under clause 75 or 76.
78. A person elected to any office will automatically cease to hold that office: -
- 78.1 if they cease to be a charity trustee; or
  - 78.2 if they give to the organisation a notice of resignation from that office, signed by them.

### **Powers of board**

79. Except where this constitution states otherwise, the organisation (and its assets and operations) will be managed by the board; and the board may exercise all the powers of the organisation.
80. A meeting of the board at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the board.
81. The members may, by way of a resolution passed in compliance with clause 52 (requirement for two-thirds majority), direct the board to take any particular step or direct the board not to take any particular step; and the board shall give effect to any such direction accordingly.



## **Charity trustees - general duties**

82. Each of the charity trustees has a duty, in exercising functions as a charity trustee, to act in the interests of the organisation; and must:
- 82.1 seek, in good faith, to ensure that the organisation acts in a manner which is in accordance with its purposes.
  - 82.2 act with the care and diligence which it is reasonable to expect of a person who is managing the affairs of another person.
  - 82.3 in circumstances giving rise to the possibility of a conflict of interest between the organisation and any other party:
    - 82.3.1 put the interests of the organisation before that of the other party.
    - 82.3.2 where any other duty prevents them from doing so, disclose the conflicting interest to the organisation and refrain from participating in any deliberation or decision of the other charity trustees with regard to the matter in question;
  - 82.4 ensure that the organisation complies with any direction, requirement, notice or duty imposed under or by virtue of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.
83. In addition to the duties outlined in clause 82, all of the charity trustees must take such steps as are reasonably practicable for the purpose of ensuring: -
- 83.1 that any breach of any of those duties by a charity trustee is corrected by the charity trustee concerned and not repeated; and
  - 83.2 that any trustee who has been in serious and persistent breach of those duties is removed as a trustee.



84. Provided they have declared their interest - and have not voted on the question of whether or not the organisation should enter into the arrangement - a charity trustee will not be debarred from entering into an arrangement with the organisation in which they have a personal interest; and (subject to clause 85 and to the provisions relating to remuneration for services contained in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005), they may retain any personal benefit which arises from that arrangement.
85. No charity trustee may serve as an employee (full time or part time) of the organisation; and no charity trustee may be given any remuneration by the organisation for carrying out their duties as a charity trustee.
86. The charity trustees may be paid all agreed expenses for travelling and other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with carrying out their duties; this may include expenses relating to their attendance at meetings.

#### **Code of conduct for charity trustees**

87. Each of the charity trustees shall comply with the code of conduct (incorporating detailed rules on conflict of interest) prescribed by the board from time to time.
88. The code of conduct referred to in clause 81 shall be supplemental to the provisions relating to the conduct of charity trustees contained in this constitution and the duties imposed on charity trustees under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and all relevant provisions of this constitution shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the provisions of the code of conduct in force from time to time



## **DECISION-MAKING BY THE CHARITY TRUSTEES**

### **Notice of board meetings**

89. Any charity trustee may call a meeting of the board or ask the secretary to call a meeting of the board.
90. At least 7 days' notice must be given of each board meeting, unless (in the opinion of the person calling the meeting) there is a degree of urgency which makes that inappropriate.

### **Procedure at board meetings**

91. No valid decisions can be taken at a board meeting unless a quorum is present; the quorum for board meetings is 2 charity trustees, present in person which can be physically in person or by electronic means or a combination thereof.
92. If at any time the number of charity trustees in office falls below the number stated as the quorum in clause 60 the remaining charity trustee(s) will have power to fill the vacancies or call a members' meeting - but will not be able to take any other valid decisions.
93. The chair of the organisation should act as chairperson of each board meeting.
94. If the chair is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which the meeting was due to start (or is not willing to act as chairperson), the charity trustees present at the meeting must elect (from among themselves) the person who will act as chairperson of that meeting.
95. Every charity trustee has one vote, which must be given personally in physical or electronic presence.
96. All decisions at board meetings will be made by majority vote.
97. If there is an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the chairperson of the meeting will be entitled to a second (casting) vote.
98. The board may, at its discretion, allow any person to attend and speak at a board meeting notwithstanding that they are not a charity trustee - but on the basis that they must not participate in decision-making.
99. A charity trustee must not vote at a board meeting (or at a meeting of a sub-committee) on any resolution which relates to a matter in which they have a personal interest or duty which conflicts (or may conflict) with the interests of the organisation; they must withdraw from the meeting while an item of that nature is being dealt with.



100. For the purposes of clause 99: -

100.1 an interest held by an individual who is “connected” with the charity trustee under section 68(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (husband/wife, partner, child, parent, brother/sister etc) shall be deemed to be held by that charity trustee.

100.2 a charity trustee will be deemed to have a personal interest in relation to a particular matter if a body in relation to which they are an employee, director, member of the management committee, officer or elected representative has an interest in that matter.

## **Minutes**

101. The board must ensure that proper minutes are kept in relation to all board meetings and meetings of sub-committees.

102. The minutes to be kept under clause 101 must include the names of those present; and (so far as possible) should be signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Delegation to sub-committees**

103. The board may delegate any of their powers to sub-committees; a sub-committee must include at least one charity trustee.

104. The board may also delegate to the chair of the organisation (or the holder of any other post) such of their powers as they may consider appropriate.

105. When delegating powers under clause 103, the board must set out appropriate conditions (which must include an obligation to report regularly to the board).

106. Any delegation of powers under clause 103 may be revoked or altered by the board at any time.

107. The rules of procedure for each sub-committee, and the provisions relating to membership of each sub-committee, shall be set by the board.



### **Operation of accounts**

108. Subject to clause 109, the signatures of two out of three signatories appointed by the board will be required in relation to all operations (other than the lodging of funds) on the bank and building society accounts held by the organisation; at least one out of the two signatures must be the signature of a charity trustee.
109. Where the organisation uses electronic facilities for the operation of any bank or building society account, the authorisations required for operations on that account must be consistent with the approach reflected in clause 108.

### **Accounting records and annual accounts**

110. The board must ensure that proper accounting records are kept, in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements.
111. The board must prepare annual accounts, complying with all relevant statutory requirements; if an audit is required under any statutory provisions (or if the board consider that an audit would be appropriate for some other reason), the board should ensure that an audit of the accounts is carried out by a qualified auditor.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Winding-up**

112. If the organisation is to be wound up or dissolved, the winding-up or dissolution process will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.
113. Any surplus assets available to the organisation immediately preceding its winding up or dissolution must be used for purposes which are the same as - or which closely resemble - the purposes of the organisation as set out in this constitution.



## **Alterations to the constitution**

114. This constitution may (subject to clause 115) be altered by resolution of the members passed at a members' meeting (subject to achieving the two thirds majority referred to in clause 53) or by way of a written resolution of the members.
115. The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 prohibits taking certain steps (e.g., change of name, an alteration to the purposes, amalgamation, winding-up) without the consent of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

## **Interpretation**

116. References in this constitution to the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 should be taken to include: -
  - 116.1 any statutory provision which adds to, modifies or replaces that Act; and
  - 116.2 any statutory instrument issued in pursuance of that Act or in pursuance of any statutory provision falling under paragraph 116.1 above.
117. In this constitution: -
  - 117.1 "charity" means a body which is either a "Scottish charity" within the meaning of section 13 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or a "charity" within the meaning of section 1 of the Charities Act 2011, providing (in either case) that its objects are limited to charitable purposes;
  - 117.2 "charitable purpose" means a charitable purpose under section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 which is also regarded as a charitable purpose in relation to the application of the Taxes Acts.

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