

CHARD SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

CONSTITUTION

PURPOSES

- a) To promote Scottish Dancing in the local area
- b) To provide enjoyment, mental and physical exercise, and social well-being for members and visitors
- c) To encourage dancing at as high a standard as possible commensurate with safety.

MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in the Scottish Country Dancing shall be eligible for membership by invitation of the Committee.

MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Club shall be vested in the members themselves. A Committee shall be appointed annually consisting of: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than two others. Teachers shall be ex-officio members. Term in office shall not exceed four years.

A programme of events for the coming year shall be presented at the AGM. The dancing year will start in September.

All elections and appointments shall be made at the AGM which shall be held by the penultimate meeting of the dancing year.

The Committee shall be responsible for the smooth running of the Club. They shall have no power to make decisions which would affect the Club or its members generally. Any such changes can only come before the members, as a committee recommendation for their approval or otherwise.

The Club shall meet socially each week at such place as may be fixed by the Committee and approved by members. There will normally be a break from weekly meetings during June, July and August. Social dances shall be arranged from time to time normally on Saturday evenings.

The Committee shall endeavour to run the Club so that members will get the benefit of any profits that may be accumulated during the current year. To this end the Committee has the power to run special social evenings without extra charge to members and to make donations to charities approved by the members.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money due to or payable by the Club and shall keep an account of such receipts and payments. An audited report up to the end of the financial year shall be presented to the AGM.

A list of Club assets shall be kept and be open to inspection by Club members.

Amendments to the Constitution can only be made at the AGM. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Committee at least 14 days before the AGM.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There shall be an annual subscription and an evening fee. Both shall be agreed at the AGM. The annual subscription shall be paid at the start of the dancing year.

INSURANCE

The Treasurer shall maintain an insurance policy against public liability and pay the annual premium.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM). 21 days' notice shall be provided to include an announcement of vacancies for the Committee. Every member should endeavour to attend. Nominations to fill vacancies on the Committee should be given to the Secretary at least 14 days before the meeting.

The Agenda for the AGM shall be:

- a) To read and approve the minutes of the previous AGM
- b) To deal with any matters arising
- c) To receive the Chairman's report
- d) To receive the Treasurer's audited report
- e) To elect or re-elect Committee members
- f) Any other Business. An opportunity for open discussion on the running of the Club.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the Committee, or by a minimum of half the members of the Club. This must be made in writing giving 21 days' notice to the Secretary.

DISBANDMENT

An EGM shall be called to disband the club. The majority of members present shall decide how to dispose of the assets of the Club.

11 May 2014.