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Strathkelvin Group
Constitution
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1. NAME AND DEFINITION

The organisation is part of the Ramblers' Association which is a registered charity (England & Wales number: 1093577, Scotland number: SCO39799) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales number 4458492, being a Local Group as defined in Clause 6.1 of the Association's Articles of Association. The name of the organisation shall be "The Ramblers' Association Scotland, Strathkelvin Group", and it shall be within the Association's North Strathclyde Area. The above bodies are hereafter referred to as "the Association", "the Group", and "the Area". The Area is within the Constituent Part of the Association - Ramblers' Association Scotland, which is organised by the Association's Scottish Council.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Group are to further within the territory specified in the succeeding clause the objects of the Association in such ways as the Area governing body may from time to time decide, and subject to the overriding control of the National Council of the Association.

3. TERRITORY

The group shall function in those parts of East Dunbartonshire comprised within the Postal Districts G64, G65 and G66 or such other territory as may be agreed with the governing body of the Area from time to time.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the group shall consist of individual members of the association as are allocated to the Group by the National Executive Committee in accordance with the National Constitution and Standing Orders.

5. RELATIONS WITH AREA AND THE ASSOCIATION

The Group shall act in agreement with the Area governing body and the Executive of the Association, as laid down in Clause 5 of the Association's Constitution.

6. MANAGEMENT

- i. Subject to the directions of any Annual or Special General Meeting as to the exercise of its powers, the management and control of the Group shall be vested in a Committee which shall consist of the Honorary Officers and as many members of the Group as the Annual Meeting shall from time to time decide, with a minimum of three. All members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.
- ii. The Committee shall decide where and when it shall meet
- iii. Five members shall form a quorum.
- iv. It shall have the power to co-opt three additional members.
- v. It shall have the power to fill casual vacancies.
- vi. It shall report regularly to the governing body of the Area.
- vii. A special meeting of the Committee shall be called by the Secretary as soon as may be on the request of the Chairman or of not less than three members of the Committee.

7. OFFICERS

- a) The Honorary Officers of the Group shall be a Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such officers as the Group in General Meeting may determine, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.
- b) They shall retire at the Annual Meeting following their election but shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies.

8. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees and to determine their powers and terms of reference.

9. RESIGNATION OR RETIREMENT

Any member of a Committee shall vacate his/her office

- I. On giving notice of intention to resign, and the resignation being accepted or
- II. On failing to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee as may be convened, unless the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the Committee.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the first quarter of each financial year, the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Group, of which fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing to each member of the Group, and which all members of the Group shall be entitled to attend, to:

- a. Receive the Annual Report of the Committee and the audited Statement of Accounts for the previous year,
- b. Appoint the Honorary Officers,
- c. Elect the Committee,
- d. Appoint an Auditor or Auditors,
- e. Discuss and consider motions, notice of which shall have been given in writing to the Secretary at least three weeks before the AGM,
- f. Vote on any proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with Clause 14 hereof,
- g. Appoint representatives to the governing body of the Area.
- h. Appoint a representative to the Scottish Council of the Association.

11. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman or the Secretary may at any time and shall within 21 days of receiving a request to do so, signed by not less than one twentieth of the members of the Group with a minimum of ten members, and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting, of which fourteen days' notice shall be given. The notice of the meeting shall contain notice of the matters to be discussed and the terms of any motions which it intended to move.

12. FINANCE

The Hon. Treasurer shall keep proper financial accounts and shall keep the Committee informed as to the position.

13. DISSOLUTION

If, in the event of the dissolution of the Group, conformed by a majority of those present and voting at a general meeting of the Group, there remains after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities any property whatever, it shall be transferred to the Area.

14. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- ❖ Insofar as any alteration or amendment is not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Association, this Constitution may be amended, subject to approval by the Area governing body, at any General Meeting, in accordance with the approval of a two thirds majority of members present and voting, but those clauses marked with an asterisk* may not be altered without the permission of the National Executive Committee of the Association.
- ❖ Any proposal for such alteration must be-delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Group not less than twenty-eight days before the meeting of the Group at which it is to be discussed, and not less than fourteen days' notice of this meeting, giving the terms of the proposed alteration, shall be. given to the members of the Group.