

Fife Walking Club



CONSTITUTION

CLAUSE 1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Fife Walking Club (hereinafter called “the Club”).

CLAUSE 2 PURPOSES

The Club is established for the purposes of fostering a love of the countryside by organising walks and other associated activities.

CLAUSE 3 MEMBERSHIP

There are two types of membership :-

- Ordinary - 18 to 79 years of age.
- Life - 80 years and over.

All members must agree to be bound by the rules of the Club and to pay the annual subscription which is set at and becomes due at the Annual General Meeting. Members who join after an Annual General Meeting shall pay a pro rata subscription which shall be set at the Annual General Meeting. Membership shall be forfeited if a member is two months in arrears. Fees for guests will be set at the Annual General Meeting. Guests will be allowed to attend two walks in any one year. Any guest under the age of 18 can attend free of charge for an unlimited number of walks provided they are accompanied by a responsible person (member or guest) aged 18 or over.

CLAUSE 4 VOTING – GENERAL MEETING

Every matter shall be determined by a majority of persons present and entitled to vote. All paid up members have the right to vote.

CLAUSE 5 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee (hereinafter called “the Committee”) in whom shall be vested any funds or property owned by the Club.

The Committee shall be appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting and the Committee members shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. All members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

The Committee may co-opt persons with special knowledge or experience to assist the Committee. Any member of the Committee may intimate his or her resignation therefrom by giving notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary.

The Committee shall declare a casual vacancy and shall have the power to fill such a vacancy.

The Committee shall consist of:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Walks Convenor
- Webmaster
- Up to seven other members

CLAUSE 6 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall hold at least two meetings in each year and may hold such other ordinary meetings as are required.

Five members shall form a quorum of whom two shall be Office Bearers.

CLAUSE 7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meetings shall be convened by the Committee during the month of January each year.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given at least fourteen days before the date thereof.

The Committee shall present to each Annual General Meeting the report and audited accounts of the Club for the year to 31st December preceding.

The quorum at all meetings shall not be fewer than twelve members of whom two shall be Office Bearers.

CLAUSE 8 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be convened on the instruction of the Committee or at the request, in writing, of not less than twelve members of the Club.

The written request shall specify the reason for calling the Special General Meeting.

Fourteen days of notice of the Special General Meeting shall be given to the members of the Club.

CLAUSE 9 FINANCE

The Treasurer of the Committee shall keep accurate accounts and shall provide reports of the Club's financial position at all meetings. The Financial Year of the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December. Transactions drawn on the Club's account shall be authorised by two people from a designated list of signatories. An Examiner of Accounts who is not a member of the committee shall be appointed by the Committee to examine the accounts of the Club, then sign off as a true version of accounts.

CLAUSE 10 ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION

A General Meeting (Annual or Special) shall have the power to alter or add to this Constitution provided that such alteration or addition is approved by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded by members present.

Notice in writing of proposed alteration shall be submitted to the Secretary fourteen days prior to the General Meeting.

CLAUSE 11 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The Club may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of 80% of those present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. On the dissolution of the Club, the property and funds of the Club shall be given or transferred to charitable institutions having objects similar to those of the Club. The Committee shall select these charitable institutions.

CLAUSE 12 GENERAL

The Committee shall have the power to take such steps as are not herein specified which they deem necessary or desirable to fulfil the objects of the Club.

This Constitution was formally approved at the first Annual General Meeting of the Fife Walking Club, which was held on 12th January 1991.

- Amended: Annual General Meeting 12 January 1991
- Amended: Annual General Meeting 11 January 1992
- Amended: Annual General Meeting 09 January 2016
- Amended: Annual General Meeting 13 January 2018
- Amended: Annual General Meeting 29 January 2022
- Amended: Annual General Meeting 14 January 2023
- Amended: Annual General Meeting 11 January 2025