

## Linlithgow Scottish Country Dance Club

### Constitution

1. The name of the club shall be Linlithgow Scottish Country Dance Club
2. The objectives of the club are as follows:
  - I. To provide in Linlithgow a social focal point for those interested in Scottish Country Dancing.
  - II. To promote interest in Scottish Country Dancing in general.
3. Membership shall be open to all interested in Scottish Country Dancing who are properly proposed and seconded by fully paid up members of the Club and approved by the Committee. Young persons and students with a member parent may be included under that membership. Young persons between twelve and eighteen, without a member parent, may be admitted and shall pay half adult member dues for joining and annually. Young persons may vote on reaching the age of eighteen.
4. The year of the club shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at any time after the month of March and no later than the following 1<sup>st</sup> June of that year.
5. The joining fee and annual dues shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and will require to be paid no later than 1<sup>st</sup> November. Any new member joining after 30<sup>th</sup> December will pay a due reduced by 50%.
6. The club shall be administered by a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.
  - The Committee shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and eight Ordinary Members.
  - The President and Vice-President shall be elected annually and may be re-elected for further periods of 1 year, after which they shall not be eligible for that office until at least one year has elapsed.
  - The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually and may be re-elected for a further period of 1 year up to a maximum of five consecutive years, after which they shall not be eligible for that office until at least one year has elapsed.
  - Up to eight Ordinary Members shall be elected annually and may be re-elected for further periods of one year up to a maximum of three consecutive years, after which they will not be able to stand as an Ordinary Member until at least one year has elapsed.
  - The Committee shall have powers to appoint Sub-Committees and co-opt as may be required. Any person co-opted on to the Committee shall have the period of co-option regarded as being a full year of Committee Membership.
  - All the nominations for the Committee must be with the secretary before the start of the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be in writing, seconded and have the consent of the nominee.
7. The quorum for a meeting will be one office bearer and three ordinary members
8. In the event of the Club being wound up, all monies after payment of outstanding debts shall be directed to a charity as decided by the Committee.
9. Proposals to alter the constitution of the Club must be supported by the signatories of ten percent of the Club before presentation to the Secretary who will arrange for the proposal to be discussed within two months of the proposal either at the Annual General Meeting or at a specially convened meeting.
10. Any Member who acts contrary to the rules, constitution or spirit of the Club may be expelled from the club at the discretion of the Committee.
11. The annual accounts of the Club shall be audited by an appropriate person who is not a member of the Committee.