

BONAR BRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL

CONSTITUTION

1) TITLE

The association is to be named - Bonar Bridge Community Hall.

2) OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Bonar Bridge and its environs without distinction of sex, sexuality, political, religious or other opinions by associating the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation so that their conditions of life may be improved.

3) MANAGEMENT

The business of the association shall be conducted by a committee of members, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting - this committee to consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and such other members as are willing and qualified to serve.

Creich Community Council shall be invited to appoint a delegate as a member of the Committee.

The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancy which may occur in its number, during its term of office. The Committee also shall have power to co-opt additional members to the Committee, up to a total of five, for special purposes. The Management of the Association shall be vested in the said Committee who shall have power to make for the proper conduct of the Associations business.

The Committee shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting and shall demit office at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting; so also co-opted members who may be appointed between Annual General Meetings. All members of an outgoing committee shall be eligible for re-election.

4) QUORUM

A quorum for a committee meeting shall consist of not less than half the total membership of the committee, excluding ex officio members. A quorum for a public meeting shall consist of not less than half of the total membership of the association or ten, which ever is the less.

5) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings of the committee shall be held as and when necessary, and at least once in three months. The Chairperson may at any time call a Special Meeting and must do so on the request, in writing, of not less than three members.

The chairperson, if present, will preside at all meetings, whom failing, the Vice Chairperson if present and whom both failing, the meeting will appoint a Chairperson to preside.

Except where otherwise provided all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of members present and voting thereat. Where there is equality of voters the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

6) RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a Minute Book in which shall be recorded the proceedings and resolutions of all meetings of the association, the committee and sub-committees.

7) PUBLIC/GENERAL MEETINGS

Public meetings may be called at any time, as decided by the committee and they shall be intimated by at least three notices in places on view to the public. There shall be one statutory public meeting namely the Annual General Meeting.

8) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting, which shall be a public meeting, shall be held in March or April each year, to receive the financial report for the preceding year, to receive the committee's report, to elect office bearers and committee members and to transact any other competent business.

9) FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

10) FUNDS

The funds of the association shall be vested in the committee, in trust for the association. The committee shall have authority to invest funds considered to be in excess of current requirements.

Funds for current requirements shall be kept on Current Account with the Bank of Scotland. The Current Account shall be operated by the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, but the committee shall appoint two of their number to act in place of these two office bearers, in the case of absence or indisposition.

The Income and Property of the Association, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the Members of the Association.

11) TRUSTEES OF HERITABLE PROPERTY

The heritable property at present belonging or that may thereafter belong to the association shall be vested in :-

- (1) The present Chairperson of the Association (of which office the present holder is Isabel McLaughrie, Atlas, Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge)
- (2) The present Vice-Chairperson of the Association (of which office the present holder is Colin Morrice, 18 Tulloch Road, Bonar Bridge)

(3) The present Secretary of the Association (of which office the present holder is Ellen Mackay, 20 Carnmhor Road, Bonar Bridge)

(4) The present Treasurer of the Association (of which office the present holder is Sadie Taylor, Cairn House, Upper Tulloch, Bonar Bridge)

and their respective successors in the offices above mentioned as Trustees **ex officio** for behoof of the association and, subject to Rule 4 hereof, they shall deal with the said property according to the directions and authority of the said committee and subject to such directions and authority shall have power to grant all deeds and do all other acts necessary in connection with the said heritable property. An excerpt from any minute of committee certified by the chairperson as correct, shall be sufficient evidence to all parties concerned of the directions of the authority.

12) BORROWING POWERS

The committee subject to any restrictions imposed or to be imposed under the Constitution and Rules of the Association as they may stand from time to time shall have power to borrow by means of Debentures or by Bonds or on Heritable Property, Bank Overdraft or otherwise, such sums at such rate of interest and on such conditions as they think advisable, and to grant (or instruct the said Trustees to grant, if in respect of the Heritable Property) all Security Writs and other Deeds necessary in the exercise of the foresaid Powers.

13) INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

An Independent Examiner shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The Independent Examiner may be members of the Committee provided they are not authorised to operate the Association's Current Account.

14) DISSOLUTION

If the Committee decide by majority that, on the grounds of expense or otherwise, it is necessary to discontinue the Association, a meeting shall be called of all members of the committee, being given not less than 21 days clear notice and detailing the proposal. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be applied towards purposes which the law regards as charitable for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bonar Bridge as the committee may decide.

15) ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

No alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be recognised by Inland Revenue Charities as a charity.

Every member of Bonar Bridge Community Hall has a right to receive a copy of the constitution. The constitution shall not be altered or rescinded except at a General Meeting of the Association, and then only with the consent of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote. Amendments should be in the hands of the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting at which the change is to be discussed and voted on.

This was adopted as the Constitution of Bonar Bridge Community Hall at a special Committee meeting

at BONAR BRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL on

the 22ND day of JANUARY 2008

This is to certify that this is a true copy of the Bonar Bridge Community Hall constitution,

Signed Isabel A. McLaughlin

Position Chairperson

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Signed Colin G. Morrice

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