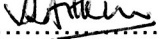


# Newark Scottish Country Dance Society

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## Constitution

1. The Society shall be called the Newark Scottish Country Dance Society. It may run one or more regular classes during the year.
2. The aim of the Society shall be to foster interest, enjoyment and competence in Scottish Country Dancing.
3. The Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and five ordinary Members. The teachers are *ex-officio* members.
4. The Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Society members should propose Committee members for election, having previously obtained their consent to stand, and give their names to the Secretary at least one week before the AGM. Further nominations will not be accepted after this date.
5. All Committee members retire annually, but may be eligible for re-election. No member of the Committee may hold the same office for longer than four consecutive years; a Committee member retiring from office after four years may be elected to continue, but only in a different capacity (different officer position or as ordinary member). No member may be on the Committee in any capacity for more than eight consecutive years and no more than four consecutive years as an ordinary member.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the end of each Society year and at this meeting the Chairperson and Treasurer shall give a report of the past year. AGMs must be quorate, requiring an attendance of at least 25% of the current membership.
7. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year; these may be in person or using conferencing technology such as Zoom. Any Society member may propose to a Committee member matters to be discussed at these meetings. Committee meetings require 50% of the current Committee to be quorate.
8. The subscriptions of members shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting and may be paid either at the commencement of each term or at each session.
9. The funds of the Club shall be applied to such purposes as purchase and maintenance of equipment, class and dance expenses, and gifts and donations as appropriate. The Annual Statement of Accounts presented by the Treasurer will be examined independently.
10. Any member proposing to introduce a new rule, or to alter or repeal an existing rule, is required to do so at the Annual General Meeting. In exceptional circumstances the Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting.
11. During times of a National Crisis such as the Covid-19 epidemic, it may not be possible to adhere to all elements of the Constitution. During these times the Committee should agree the appropriate course of action to ensure the best interests of Newark SCDS and its members.
12. The Committee shall appoint the teacher or teachers.
13. The Committee shall be responsible for organising demonstrations and other non-regular events.
14. The Society may be wound up provided 2/3rds of members present at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose vote in favour of such a resolution. In that event, the residual assets may be transferred to a RSCDS Branch, Affiliated Group or a Charity agreed by those present at the Extraordinary General Meeting.
15. The Committee shall review the Constitution at least every 4 years or as necessary.

Signed: ..........

Name: John Aitken

Chairman, on behalf of the Committee of the Newark Scottish Country Dance Society

Date: 5th July 2022