

# CONSTITUTION

## 1. TITLE

1.1 The club shall be called Monmouth Rambling and Hillwalking Club (herein after called "The Club").

## 2. OBJECT

2.1 To foster and promote walking at all levels.

2.2 To preserve all rights of way.

2.3 To observe the Countryside Code at all times.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership shall be open to any person paying the relevant subscription as determined by the Annual General Meeting.

## 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING& SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

4.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the end of October each year. 21 clear days' notice must be given in writing to all members.

4.2 Members shall pay an annual subscription which shall be decided by the Committee, and adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

4.3 Special General Meetings can be called by an application in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than 25% of the club members. The Committee has the power to call a Special General Meeting by decision of a simple majority of its members.

4.4 The quorum for all General Meetings will be 25% of the membership.

## 5. OFFICERS

5.1 The officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for one year by members at the Annual General Meeting, and may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year. Cheques drawn on the club's account must be signed by two of the three officers.

## 6. CLUB COMMITTEE

6.1 The Club Committee comprises of the officers and four other club members. The club committee members who are not officers shall be elected for one year by members at the Annual General Meeting, and may be re-elected the following year.

6.2 A quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be five Committee members of which at least two must be officers of the club.

6.3 The Committee shall meet at agreed intervals of not less than four times a year.

6.4 The duties of the Club Committee shall be:

6.4.1 To control the affairs of the club on behalf of Members.

6.4.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances through the Treasurer. These should be made available for reasonable inspection by the members, and should be examined before every Annual General Meeting.

6.4.3 The Committee may co-opt Members to sub-committees, but co-opted members will have no right to vote at Committee Meetings, and may not enter into correspondence on behalf of the Club.

6.4.4 To make decisions by a simple majority, with the Chairperson entitled to make an additional casting vote.

## **7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

7.1 Any proposed amendments to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with 21 days written notice. Any amendment must be proposed by a Member of the Club, and seconded by another Member of the Club. Such amendments shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Members present at the meeting assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

## **8. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.**

8.1 The Committee may expel members only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the Committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.

## **9. LIVESTOCK**

9.1 Due to the possibility of walking through livestock, the Club does not allow dogs on walks.

## **10. DISSOLUTION**

10.1 If the Club Committee or 50% of the membership, request the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting, giving 21 days written notice. If at that meeting the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of Members present at the meeting, the Committee shall proceed to realise the assets of the Club, discharge any liabilities of the Club and transfer any remaining assets to some other voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the Club.

**ADOPTED: September 2021**

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