

# THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF MID-ARGYLL

## CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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- 1, The Society shall be called the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid-Argyll,
2. The Society shall consist of Honorary Members and Ordinary Members.
3. The Society shall promote the study of natural sciences, history and related subjects, in particular with reference to Mid-Argyll, by means of lectures, discussions, exhibitions. field excursions, publications and in any other appropriate manner.
4. Further objects of the Society shall be to promote and encourage the following objects by charitable means, but not otherwise.
  - a) To stimulate public interest in, and care for the beauty, history and character of Mid-Argyll.
  - b) To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
  - c) To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Mid-Argyll.
  - d) To pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, conferences and publicity and the promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.
- 5, Further objects of the Society shall be to accept the Trusteeship and Guardianship of the Carved Stones of Craignish, at present in the Church at Kilvaree, Craignish, Argyll, to include responsibility for their preservation and maintenance. with power to the Society to operate a separate Bank Account of all transactions in connection with the Carved Stones of Craignish in the name of the Treasurer of the Society.

### RULES

1. Ordinary Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society. Persons distinguished in subjects relevant to the interests of the Society and not resident in Mid-Argyll, may be elected Honorary Members of the Society. The number of Honorary Members shall not exceed seven. Honorary Members may be elected at any meeting of the Society on the recommendation of the Committee of Management. Ordinary Members only are entitled to vote on questions affecting the Constitution and Management of the Society.
- 2, A President, two Vice-Presidents and an Hon. Secretary or Joint Secretaries, an Hon. Treasurer and a Librarian shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, which shall be held in the month of October. They and six other Ordinary Members, elected at the same meeting for one year, shall constitute the Committee of Management, four being a quorum. The Committee of Management may appoint sub-committees for any specific purpose, with power to co opt. The Committee of Management shall meet quarterly. Emergency meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.
- 3, The duties of the Committee of Management shall be:-
  - a) To arrange for lectures, exhibitions, excursions and other activities of the Society.
  - b) To arrange for the issue of publications.
  - c) To manage the funds of the Society and to appoint an Hon. Auditor.
  - d) To arrange that the report of the Secretary and the audited accounts of the Treasurer be presented to the Committee for approval before the annual election of Office Bearers.

4. A syllabus of meetings of the Society shall be issued to all Members annually.
5. The annual subscription for Ordinary Members, due on the 1st September, shall be at a rate proposed by the Committee of Management at a meeting of the Society and approved by at least two thirds of the Ordinary Members present. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid six months after notification that it is due.

## 6. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of Members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that ten day's notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all Members and provided that nothing therein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not charitable.

7. The publications of the Society shall be made available to the public at large at a price determined by the Committee of Management. Similarly the lectures arranged by the Society shall be advertised and open to the public at large on payment to the Society of a fee to be determined by the Committee of Management.
- 8, In the event of winding up of the Society, the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies having objects similar to those herein before being declared as may be chosen by the Committee of Management.