



Keeping Larbert & Stenhousemuir Beautiful Constitution

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1) NAME

The name of the group shall be Keeping Larbert & Stenhousemuir Beautiful, hereafter referred to as KLSB.

2) OBJECTS

The objects of KLSB shall be:

- to improve the area known as Larbert & Stenhousemuir for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area.
- to encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community.
- to foster community spirit and encourage civic pride.
- to encourage volunteers to participate in all initiatives that KLSB are involved in.
- to encourage the local community to help foster a local community food pantry which can help combat food poverty, food waste & fuel poverty in our society.
- to work with our local authorities and community leaders on the possibilities of starting a community garden for the residents Falkirk.
- To operate a community food pantry for the area of Larbert & Stenhousemuir and any other areas that are in local school catchment areas.

3) POWERS

In furtherance of the objects, but not otherwise, the Management Committee may exercise the power to:

- (i) Promote the health and wellbeing of the residents of the area and to work together as residents irrespective of age, sex, ethnicity, ability, religion or political view.
- (ii) Promote environmental improvement and conservation by educating, encouraging and assisting the local population in environmental practice, working in partnership with similar groups and organisations.
- (iii) Invite and receive contributions and raise funds where appropriate, to finance the work of KLSB, and to open a bank account to manage such funds.
- (iv) Publicise and promote the work of KLSB and organise meetings, training courses, events or seminars etc.
- (v) Work with groups of a similar nature and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other voluntary bodies, charities, statutory and non-statutory organisations.
- (vi) Employ staff and volunteers (who shall not be members of the Management Committee) as are

necessary to conduct activities to meet the objects and to pay any expenses incurred whilst volunteering for KLSB.

(vii) Take any form of action that is lawful, which is necessary to achieve the objects of KLSB.

4) MEMBERSHIP

(i) Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in assisting KLSB to achieve its aim and is willing to adhere to the rules of KLSB.

(ii) Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the aims and activities of KLSB, the Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership, or may terminate or suspend the membership of any member by resolution passed at a meeting. Members shall have the right to appeal via an independent adjudicator determined by mutual agreement of the management committee.

(iii) Any member of the association may resign his/her membership by providing the Secretary with written notice.

5) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(i) KLSB shall be administered by a management committee of no less than three (3) people and no more than five (5), who must be at least 18 years of age. Members will be elected for a period of up to one year, but may be re-elected at the Group's AGM.

6) OFFICERS

(i) KLSB shall have a committee consisting of: The Chairperson, The Treasurer, The Secretary and any additional officers that KLSB deems necessary at the meeting required to carry out the required activities.

7) MEETINGS

(i) The committee shall meet at least three times a year. Meetings shall enable KLSB to discuss actions and monitor progress to date, and to consider future developments.

(ii) All members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days' notice of when a meeting is due to take place, unless it is deemed as an emergency.

(iii) Two-thirds of committee members must be present in order for a meeting to take place.

(iv) It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to chair all meetings or a designated deputy in his/her absence. All meetings must be minuted and accessible to interested parties.

(v) The AGM shall take place no later than three months after the end of the financial year. At least fourteen (14) days' notice must be given before the meeting takes place.

(vi) All members are entitled to vote at the AGM. Voting shall be made by a show of hands on a majority basis. In the case of a tied vote, the Chairperson or an appointed deputy shall make the final decision.

8) FINANCE

(i) Any money acquired by KLSB, including donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into

an account operated by the Management Committee in the name of KLSB. All funds must be applied to the objects of KLSB and for no other purpose.

(ii) Bank accounts shall be opened in the name of KLSB. Any deeds, cheques etc relating to the Group's bank account shall be signed by at least two (2) of the following committee members: Chairperson; Treasurer; Secretary.

(iii) Any income/expenditure shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who will be accountable to ensure funds are utilised effectively and that the Group stays within budget. Official accounts shall be maintained and will be examined annually by an independent accountant who is not a member of the Group. An annual financial report shall be presented at the AGM. The Group's accounting year shall run from 01 April to 31 March.

9) ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

(i) Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by a majority vote at a special general meeting.

(ii) Amendments to this constitution or dissolution of KLSB must be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing. The Secretary and other officers shall then decide on the date of a special general meeting to discuss such proposals, giving members at least four weeks (28 days) notice.

10) DISSOLUTION

(i) KLSB may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at a special meeting. Any assets or remaining funds after debts have been paid shall be returned to their providers or transferred to local charities or similar groups at the discretion of the Management Committee.

This constitution was adopted at an AGM held at Tim Hortons, Tryst Road, Stenhousemuir on 30th June 2019 by:

Signed: Chairperson
John McMorran

Signed: Treasurer
David Petrie

Signed: Secretary
Sheona McMorran

Signed: Member
Alex Hasting