

## **Motion to amend parts of the Monklands Ramblers constitution.**

1. These proposed amendments to the constitution are designed to provide some degree of continuity of the Committee whereby each elected Committee member will serve for a period of three years. Each year prior to the AGM one third of the Committee will stand down on a rolling basis. Anyone standing down will be eligible for re-election. It is also proposed that the number of Committee members be restricted to eleven.
2. It is further proposed that any references to gender be made gender neutral throughout the constitution by changing 'Chairman' to 'Chair'. Not all instances of this within the constitution are detailed in the text below but will be amended if this is agreed.

The Clauses below in italics are the existing clauses within the constitution relating to Motion 1, these are immediately followed by the proposed new wording of the clause. For ease of comprehension of the proposed changes these are highlighted.

### **6. *Management***

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It is proposed that the above clause within the constitution be replaced with:

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### **7. *Officers***

- (j) *The Honorary Officers of the Group shall be a Chairman, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other officers as the Group in General Meeting may determine, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.*
- (ii) *They shall retire at the Annual Meeting following their election, but shall be eligible for re-election.*
- (iii) *The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies.*

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## **7. Officers**

- (j) The Honorary Officers of the Group shall be a **Chair**, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other officers as the Group in General Meeting may determine, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.
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- (iii) The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies.

## **10. Annual General Meeting**

*In the first quarter of each financial year, the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Group, of which fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing to each member of the Group, and which all members of the Group shall be entitled to attend, to:*

- (a) receive the Annual Report of the Committee and the audited Statement of Accounts for the previous year.*
- (b) appoint the Honorary Officers.*
- (c) elect the Committee.*
- (d) appoint an auditor or auditors.*
- (e) discuss and consider motions, notice of which shall have been given in writing to the Secretary.*
- (f) vote on any proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with Clause 14 hereof.*
- (g) appoint representatives to the governing body of the Area.*
- (h) appoint a representative to the Scottish Council of the Association.*

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