

CONSTITUTION OF

THE LANGBANK CAMERA CLUB

The name of the organisation shall be the **Langbank Camera Club** (hereinafter called “**The Club**”).

The objectives of the Club shall be:

1. To promote the social intermingling of the Community residents in the village of Langbank and also of the neighbouring towns (hereinafter called the “neighbourhood”) without bias of gender, politics, religion or other opinions, by interfacing with the Local Authorities, Voluntary Organisations and the Residents in a common effort to further the understanding of the science and art of Photography, advance education in analogue and digital photography, to provide a meeting place and facilities for furtherance of information technology and mental training (by focused and distraction digital art therapy), recreation , social, moral and intellectual development by lectures, competitions and portfolio presentation and to encourage a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such objectives as may be by law deemed to be charitable.
2. To secure the establishment of The Club and to co-operate with the Local Authority in the maintenance and management of the Club for activities in furtherance of the above objectives. The Club shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

The Management Committee.

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Club shall be directed by a Management Committee hereinafter referred to as “The Committee” which shall meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Church Halls situated on the Main Road of the Village of Langbank, Renfrewshire. Extra-ordinary meetings maybe called as required and the venue altered if necessary.

The Committee shall consist of: A President, a Vice President, a general Secretary/Lets Convener, a Competition Secretary and a Treasurer. The Committee is representative of the regular “user group” of the Club as it is in place only by election by the members. The committee members are elected to serve for two year terms which are renewable by election. The committee members serve at their pleasure and may resign from their posts by giving The Club two months notice. They may also be removed from their posts by a majority voting by the Club members by convening an emergency general meeting.

In addition, the Committee may co-opt further members who shall be members of the Club provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed six.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint such committees as it may from time to time decide and may determine their powers and terms of reference.

Annual General Meeting:

Once a year in the month of January, the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Club for the purpose of

- a) receiving the Annual Report of the Committee and the Annual Audited Accounts
- b) agreeing changes to the members of the Committee
- c) appointing an Auditor
- d) making recommendations to the Committee

e) voting, whenever necessary, on proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with the final paragraph of this Constitution “Alterations to the Constitution”.

Rules of Procedure at all Meetings:

Voting: All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of those present. In the case of an equality of votes, the President shall have a second or casting vote.

Minutes:

A Minute Book shall be kept by the Committee which will be circulated by E-mail to all members.

Finance: The annual renewal membership fee is £20.00p with a 50% discount for the first year for new members. An additional £1.00p “gate fee” is chargeable for attending meetings. Our financial year runs from January to December. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Club shall be used to further the objectives of the Club and for no other purpose.

The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finance of the Club and these shall be audited annually by an Auditor to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Discontinuation of the Committee:

The Club Management Committee may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of the members present and voting at a Meeting of the Club.

In the event of this happening the surplus assets of the Club, after meeting its liabilities, shall be used towards charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood as may be determined by the Meeting, at which the resolution to dissolve has been passed. Failing that by the Langbank Community Council Committee and Renfrewshire Council.

Monthly competitions: Analogue or digital photographic entries are in the format of mounted or un mounted, monochrome, colour or “black and white” photographs of 10” by 8” size or A4 size. Up to two entries per member are allowed per meeting. The photographs could be taken at any location anywhere in the World except when a specific Scottish theme is the subject of the competition. Members may submit photographs from their collection but are actively encouraged to take fresh photographs if at all possible. The copyright of the photographs submitted always remain with the respective authors.

The Committee may at a later date consider electronic submission of entries. Judging would be by guest speakers or by the Club members by secret balloting. The monthly competition themes will be determined by the competition secretary and the members notified at least a month in advance. The Club members may decide, by voting, not to have any Club meetings or competitions during the summer holiday months of July and August.

Alterations to the Constitution:

Any proposal to alter this Constitution must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Club not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting at which it is first to be considered. An alteration will require the approval of a majority of members of the Committee.

Signed for and on behalf the Committee:

President

Vice President

Secretary/Lets Convener

DAVID JOHN ROBB

Treasurer

Competition Secretary

GARY RAMANATHAN

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