

# FRIENDS OF THE WEST HIGHLAND LINES

## CONSTITUTION

1. The society will be called, “Friends of the West Highland Lines”
2. The purpose of the society will be:-
  - (a) To support rail businesses and other interested bodies and individuals to maintain and improve the services and facilities of the West Highland Lines.
  - (b) To encourage the line’s greater use by both passenger and freight traffic.
  - (c) To create educational opportunities and raise the awareness of the general public in all matters relating to the past present and future of the railways in the West Highlands.
3. No change may be made to the constitution except at annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings and proposals must reach the secretary to enable members to be notified 7 days in advance.
4. The management committee of the society will have the following office bearers.
  - (a) Honorary President.
  - (b) Vice President.
  - (c) Chairperson.
  - (d) Deputy Chairperson.
  - (e) Treasurer.
  - (f) Secretary.
  - (g) Assistant Secretary
  - (h) Membership Secretary.
  - (i) Strategy Officer.
  - (j) Press and Publicity Officer.
  - (k) Magazine Editor.
  - (l) Up to 4 other members.
5. Honorary Vice Presidents may be appointed by the A.G.M.
6. The society will hold an Annual General Meeting before the end of June each year to elect Office Bearers and review the state of the society.

The Management Committee will have the right to co-opt up to 2 further members on to the committee to serve until the next A.G.M. after which they will be eligible for re-election with the other committee members.
7. Management Committee meetings will be held at least once per year.
8. Local branches may be formed by groups of members. Each branch is entitled to at least 1 representative on the society committee.
9. An extraordinary general meeting may be called by at least 10 members giving reasonable notice to the secretary.

10. The annual general meeting will determine such classes of membership as shall exist and will assign appropriate fees to each class.
11. Moneys will be raised by membership fees and by voluntary contributions and may also be raised by fund raising activities as felt necessary. In respect of branches 60% of each will go to the society, the remaining 40% to the branch.
12. The annual accounting date of the society will be 31<sup>st</sup> December.  
At each AGM the treasurer will present audited accounts of the society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December immediately prior to that A.G.M.
13. Membership of the society will be open to anyone regardless of race, nationality, ethnic or cultural background, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, colour, disability, or age, provided they agree with the aims and objectives of the society's constitution and pay annual subscriptions at the rate agreed at the annual general meeting.
13. (i) The society may at any time be dissolved by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting.  
(ii) After the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any assets remaining shall not be paid to or distributed among members, but will be given or transferred to a recognised voluntary organisation having objectives similar to those of the society.

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