STEWARTRY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB CONSTITUTION (2014 and 2015 Amendments)

- 1. The Club shall be called the "Stewartry Rugby Football Club".
- 2. The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of rugby football.
- 3. Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex; sexual orientation, political or other opinion.(2015 amendment)

The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.

Any person applying for membership shall be admitted on a single majority vote of those members of the Committee who are present at any Committee Meeting when an application for membership is placed before it. Associate Members have no voting right to international tickets and no right of property in the Club assets.

- 4. The Office Bearers, who shall be members of the Club, shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and consist of:-
 - (i) President, (ii) Vice President, (iii) Junior Vice President, (iv) Secretary, (v) Treasurer
- 5. The Committee of the Club, whose members shall be members of the Club, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall in addition to the Office Bearers, consist of a predetermined maximum number of members fixed by the Committee prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Committee may, during any year, coopt such additional members, as it may consider necessary. No person who is not actually present at the Annual General Meeting can be nominated for Office Bearer or Committee Member unless that person's agreement to accept office is intimated to the Annual General Meeting prior to their appointment being made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the members present at the Annual General Meeting may, on a majority vote, decide to appoint a greater number to the Committee than has been predetermined. The Committee may create specific offices (such as Match Secretary, Social Convenor etc) and appoint specific Committee Members to these posts.
- 6. The Annual General Meeting shall have power to appoint Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members. These appointments shall be subject to prior approval of the Committee.
- 7. The President shall take the Chair at the meetings of the Club or Committee. In their absence and in the absence of the Vice President, or Junior Vice President, the Committee shall appoint one of its members to act as Chair.
- 8. The Committee of the Club may form such sub-committees as it considers necessary and appoint convenors thereof. Sub-committees shall have the powers to co-opt additional members.
- The Chair of any meeting and the Convenor of any sub-committee shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.
- 10. The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of the Club minutes and records, and the conducting of club correspondence and administrative details; the Treasurer for all accounts required to show the financial intromissions of the Club and for their presentation, duly scrutinised by a competent Auditor and each annual General Meeting. The term Auditor does not imply a professionally qualified Auditor. "In relation to cheques or other money orders there must be a minimum of two authorized signatories who are not connected, as per the definition of "connected" in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005" (amended AGM 2014)
- 11. The Auditor shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 12. The Annual Subscription shall be as fixed at the Annual General Meeting and must be paid not later than 30th September in each year for the financial year ending 30th April following.

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- 13. The Committee may remove the membership of any member in arrears after 30th September in any year and if removed, a member will be debarred from all privileges of the Club including a vote until payment has been made.
- 14. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the last Monday in June each year. Not less than 7 days notice shall be given. At the Annual General Meeting reports shall be submitted in writing, Office Bearers and Committee Members elected and any other competent business transacted.
- A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called upon by authority of the Committee or at the written request 15. of not less than ten members to the Secretary specifying the business to be discussed. A Special General Meeting requested by members shall be held within three weeks of the requisition being made to the Secretary. Only business of which notice has been given shall be discussed at such a meeting.
- 16. Sixteen members of the Club shall for a quorum at any General Meeting of the Club.
- The Club shall have full power and authority to sue or be sued, and to make any application to any body, court, 17. tribunal or board, or to object to any such application made by another, in the name of the Office Bearers thereof, for the same being.
- 18. The whole property of the club, heritable or moveable, shall be held by the President, Treasurer and Secretary. for the time being, and their successors in office as Trustees ex officils for the club; and any lease or other agreements or documents whatsoever shall be executed on behalf of the club by them, including the execution of any heritable security or other documents of debt, in respect of any loans, grants or any other credit arrangement, declaring that such loans, grants or other credit arrangements may be as specifically approved of by the club at a general meeting duly called, or entered into or negotiated on behalf of the club, by the committee under a general authority given by the club at a general meeting duly called.
- This constitution cannot be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the 19. Club called for the purpose. Notice of such intended alteration must be sent to the Secretary in writing in time for the requisite notice to be given and the notice calling the said meeting shall specify the nature of the proposed alterations. Alterations must have the approval of two-thirds of those present voting.
- 20. The Committee shall have power to make by-laws, which shall be binding on the members until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club when the same shall be confirmed or otherwise as may be determined by the Club.
- Any notice of meeting required in this constitution can be given to members by newspaper advertisement. 21.
- The Club is a non-profit making organisation. The Income and Property of the Club shall be applied solely 22. towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:-
 - 1. A registered charitable organisation(s);
 - 2. Another Club which is registered CASC; and
 - The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports. 3.

29/6/15 THIS DOCUMENT, TYPEWRITTEN ON THIS & THE PRECEDING PAGE, IS THE CONSTITUTION OF STEWARTLY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB AS AMENDED AND APPROVED BY 175 MEMBERS AT THE CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY HE, ERIC REDACE FENNICK, CLUB PRESIDENT, AND HELD ON THIS DAY AT GREENLAW, CASTLE DOUGLAS.

PARICE GEORGE FENNICH, PRESIDENT STEWAATRY REC Jan 1. Steele (IAN NEWTON STEELE, SECRETARY 29/6/15 STEWAATRY REC)