

Isle of Mull Bird Club

CONSTITUTION

1. The Isle of Mull Bird Club is a non profit making organization open to all.

2. Aims of the Club

The aims of the isle of Mull Bird club are to advance the knowledge of the public in the study of birds and natural history in a social context.

3. Objectives of the Club

- To hold regular meetings
- To run field trips
- To encourage the conservation and protection of birds
- To encourage members to be sensitive to the environment in their activities
- To produce a newsletter from time to time

4. Membership

Membership is by annual subscription which falls due on 1st April annually. The level of subscription will be determined at the AGM. Members who pay their subscription before the AGM will be eligible to pay at the old rate. Members with a valid subscription at 31st March will be entitled to vote at the Annual General meeting.

New adult members joining the Club after 1st January for their first subscription will be members up to 31st March of the following year, and will become eligible to vote immediately.

Children and young people in full time education are entitled to free membership.

In the event any member, who in the opinion of the Committee brings the Club into disrepute, will have their membership terminated.

5. Committee

The Committee will consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer (office bearers) and four Committee members.

Nominations for the election of Office Bearers and Committee Members should be made by a member with a seconder and sent to the Secretary at least 7 days before the AGM.

The Office bearers and Committee Members should be nominated each year. All posts are eligible for re-election.

Members may be co-opted onto the Committee but not entitled to vote.

6. Meetings

A small charge may be made for regular meetings. The level of the charge will be decided by the Committee.

7. Committee Meeting

A Committee meeting will be quorate when there is a minimum of 4 members present, consisting of at least 2 Office Bearers and 2 Committee members. At all meetings the Chairperson will have the casting vote.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual general meeting will be held as soon as practicable after the beginning of April. Members will be given 21 days notice of the meeting.

The Treasurer will prepare audited accounts for the year ended 31st March for presentation at the Annual general Meeting.

9. Website

The Club maintains a website containing information on it's activities (www.mullbirdclub.org.uk). Reciprocal links from the website to members business activities in wildlife and tourism are permitted at the discretion of the Committee.

10. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting can only be called through a petition, in writing to the Secretary, raised by one third of all Members or by the Committee. Twenty one days notice of an EGM will be given to all Members.

Only paid up members will be entitled to vote at an AGM or EGM.

The Isle of Mull Bird Club Constitution can only be changed following a proposal, seconding and vote by two thirds majority at an AGM or EGM. Notice of the proposed amendment will be sent to Members 21 days prior to the Meeting.

11. President

The Club may elect a Member to the honorary office of President.

12. Dissolution

In the event of the Isle of Mull Bird Club becoming no longer viable the Secretary will inform all members and an Extraordinary General Meeting will be called by the Committee. A two thirds majority of those present is required for any decisions to be implemented, including the disposal of the Club's assets.