

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the group shall be **Growing in Lochgelly** hereafter referred to as 'the group'.

2. Object

To identify open and green spaces within Lochgelly area and adjacent countryside, including the Gelly Loch, with the aim to enhance the local area, encourage and improve access to green spaces and core pathways, develop areas to better support the local ecosystem and develop/encourage greater biodiversity within the locality.

In furtherance of the said object the group may:-

- Carry out and promote both environmental improvement and practical conservation.
- Promote the health and well-being of the community by working together to increase community spirit and community participation.
- Organise meetings, training courses and events.

3. Powers

- To raise and hold money and other resources, including grant funding, to continue the activities of the group.
- To assist and co-operate with other community groups within the area.
- To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the object.

4. Membership

- Membership of the group shall be open to those in sympathy with and supporting the OBJECT of the group regardless of age, ethnic origin, ability, sex, religious or political beliefs.
- The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse membership to an applicant where it is considered such membership would be detrimental to the object of the group.
- Any member of the group may resign by giving notice to the secretary.

5. Management

- The group shall be managed by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- The Committee shall appoint a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Meetings shall be held no less than four times per year.
- If a vacancy occurs amongst the members of the committee, the committee shall have the power to fill it from the existing members. The appointment will have to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- The Committee shall have the right to nominate sub-committees consisting of officers or members to facilitate different programmes and activities.
- Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum
- Voting at committee meetings shall be by show of hands on a majority basis. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

6. Finance

- All funds will be paid into a bank account opened in the name of the group and shall be applied only for furthering the objects of the group.
- There will be three signatories and cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and one other.
- The Treasurer shall keep account of the group's funds and submit an independently examined statement of accounts to members at the AGM and report on the group's finances to the committee when requested.

7. Annual General Meeting

- An AGM shall be held in of each year or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The Secretary shall give all members 14 days' notice of the AGM.
- All members are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
- Nominations for election to committee should be handed in to the Secretary prior to the AGM. Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.
- The Committee shall present a report of the year's activities and independently examined accounts for consideration.
- Twelve members shall constitute a quorum.

8. Special General Meeting

The Committee may convene an SGM of the group at any time. Seven days notice will be given to members that the meeting is taking place.

9. Alterations to the Constitution

Alterations to the Constitution may be made by a resolution agreed by two thirds of the members present at the General Meeting (AGM or SGM) at which it is discussed. Any resolution for the alteration of the constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days before the meeting. Seven days notice will be given to members that the meeting is taking place.

10. Dissolution

- If the committee agree it is necessary to dissolve the group a General Meeting will be called and if agreed by two thirds of the members present the group will close.
- Any funds/assets remaining after the payment of all liabilities will be transferred to the Management Committee of a similar group in the locality with similar charitable aims.

This Constitution was adopted on

Signed.....Chairperson

Signed.....Secretary

Signed.....Treasurer