

THE BAND OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1 Name:

The band shall be known as "The Band of the Gloucestershire Constabulary".

2 Aims:

To help provide closer links between the Community and the Gloucestershire Constabulary.
To assist local charitable and community groups in the raising of funds, through the promotion and performance of musical concerts and other events.

3 Membership:

There shall be one common standard of musical audition and/or probationary period at the Director of Music's discretion for a prospective member who may become a member upon successful completion and payment of a subscription.

Any player under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a playing parent/guardian who will be responsible for that underage player at all times.

Members are entitled to vote at AGM and any arising EGM.

The Band will operate under the ethos and regulation of the Equal Opportunities Policy of the Gloucestershire Constabulary.

4 Officers and Committee:

The committee shall consist of the following roles:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Librarian

Band Member employed by the Gloucestershire Police Force

Ordinary Band Member 1

Ordinary Band Member 2

A quorum is deemed to be four members, one of whom shall be the Chairperson.

Should the Committee feel it necessary, they may co-opt other persons if and when required. If a position becomes vacant during a term of office, the nomination and voting process outlined in (5) Election of Committee, will be followed to elect a replacement before the next AGM.

The Committee will invite the Chief Constable to be President.

The Committee shall appoint a Director of Music who in turn shall appoint a Deputy Director of Music.

5 Election of Committee:

The Committee shall be elected annually by members of the Band at the AGM.

Anyone wishing to stand for a position on the Committee must be nominated and seconded. Where two or more persons are nominated and seconded for a single position, a vote will be carried out by way of a show of hands. The person with the most votes will be elected.

6 Annual General Meetings:

The Annual General Meeting will be held during the month of April or May each year.

The Chairperson will have a casting vote.

7 Extraordinary General Meetings:

The Committee may convene an EGM, giving band members the reason and two weeks notice.

8 Committee Meetings:

The Chairperson may convene Committee meetings as and when required or requested.

9 Financial Year:

The financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March annually.

Two signatories from the following: Chairperson OR Treasurer, plus one committee member - are required for all cheques issued.

10 Subscriptions:

Membership subscriptions shall be proposed by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting, and will payable at the beginning of the financial year, annually, not later than 30th April.

A pro-rata subscription will be payable by new members at the time of joining.

Waver of subscription payment may be made by the Committee.

11 Expenses payable from Band Funds:

Band funds shall be used for Director of Music expenses, the purchase and repair of band-owned instruments, the purchase of equipment and music, administration and other incidental expenses.

12 Public Liability Insurance:

The activities of the Band are covered under the Public Liability Insurance of The Gloucestershire Constabulary.

13 Instruments:

Instruments allocated to members are the responsibility of that member, who will be liable for any loss or damage. Defect or damage must be reported to a Committee member without delay.

14 Attendance:

Members who are unable to attend rehearsals/engagements for any reason must inform the Band Secretary or Director of Music without delay.

15 Charges for engagements:

Charges for the Band's services shall be determined on an individual basis by the band Committee.

16 Band Uniform:

Band members will wear the uniform of the band, only when engaged in official band duties.

17 Amendment of Rules/Constitution:

Any amendment of, or addition to, the Rules and Constitution may be made only at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

18 Dissolution:

In the event of the dissolution of the Band, the Committee will call and EGM to put forward proposals for the distribution of any assets owned by Members.