

THE BAND OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY CONSTITUTION

Name

The Band shall be known as 'The Band of The Gloucestershire Constabulary'.

Aims

To represent The Gloucestershire Constabulary at the highest possible level at all times through the promotion and performance of musical engagements and to thus encourage and enhance good links between The Gloucestershire Constabulary and local communities. To be a self- funding Band supported by membership subscription and income from performances.

Membership

There shall be a probationary period for prospective members wishing to join the Band to be determined by and at the discretion of the Director of Music and the appropriate Section leader. Once approved a pro- rata subscription fee will be payable by new members at the time of joining. A member of the Band is considered such when he/ she thus receives approval from the Director of Music and has paid the relevant subscription fee.

Members shall be entitled to vote at AGM and any EGM arising.

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

Code of Conduct and Information Sheet

A Code of Conduct and Information sheet separate from the Band Constitution shall be issued to all Band members.

Committee and Officers

The Committee shall consist of the following roles:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Subscribing Band member 1

Subscribing Band member 2

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

The Committee shall be responsible for the appointment of The Director of Music, Librarian, Personnel Officer and Band Manager should a suitable candidate become available.

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 by members from the Band. Where two or more persons are nominated and seconded for a single position a vote will be carried out by show of hands and the person with the most votes elected.

If a position becomes vacant during a term of office the process outlined above shall be followed to elect a replacement before the next AGM.

Committee Meetings

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

Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will be held during the month of April or May of each year unless exceptional circumstances arise which render this unfeasible. In such cases the soonest feasible date to be selected. During voting at such meetings the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Extraordinary General Meetings

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

Financial Year and Subscriptions

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

Membership subscriptions shall be proposed by the Committee and agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

Use of Band Funds

Band Funds shall be used for Director of Music fees, the purchase of music and Band instruments, room hire, Band instrument repairs, the purchase of necessary Band equipment, administration and other incidental expenses necessary to the successful running of the Band.

Social Fund

The Band Social Fund shall comprise of funds gathered on a voluntary basis from members and shall be used at the discretion of the Committee to pay for or subsidise events or items that help promote the Band's social well-being.

Public Liability Insurance and Instrument Insurance

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

Band owned Instruments allocated to members are the responsibility of that member who will be liable for any loss or damage.

Charges for Engagements

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

Band Uniform

Band members will be issued with uniform for both informal and ceremonial events which shall be used only when members are engaged in official Band duties.

Amendment of Constitution

Any amendment of or addition to the Band Constitution shall be made only at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary Annual General Meeting.

Dissolution of The Band

In the event of the dissolution of the Band, the Committee will call for an EGM in order to outline proposals for the distribution of any assets owned by members.