

**CONSTITUTION**  
**of the**  
**SHREWSBURY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB**

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**1. NAME OF CLUB**

1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Shrewsbury Mountaineering Club hereinafter referred to as the Club.

**2. OBJECTIVES**

2.1 To advance the art of mountaineering.

2.2 To provide an organisation for those interested in all forms of mountaineering and associated outdoor pursuits.

**3. COMMITTEE**

3.1 The Committee shall consist of six elected members, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and those Trustees who are not elected members of the Committee or elected Club Officers.

3.2 The Chairman shall have the casting vote in all matters.

3.3 The Committee shall manage govern and determine the policies of the Club as defined by the Constitution.

3.4 Committee members shall be nominated by two members of the Club and in order to be elected must obtain a majority vote of the members present at the Annual General Meeting.

3.5 Nominations for the election of Committee members and the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be given to the Secretary before or during the Annual General Meeting.

3.6 Members shall vote by ballot in respect of the election of the Committee including the Officers of the Club.

3.7 A new Committee including Club Officers shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.

3.8 The resignation of an Officer or elected Committee member shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary who shall place the notice of resignation before the Committee. Upon the instructions of the Committee the Chairman shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting to elect a new Officer or Committee member as provided for in 3.4 3.5 and 3.6. A person elected in accordance with this clause shall remain in office for a period terminating with the Annual General Meeting.

3.9 An Officer or elected Committee member may be removed from office following an Extraordinary General Meeting at which the majority vote of members present endorses such proposals. Notification in writing shall be given to such Officer or elected Committee member at least twenty-one days before the date set for such Extraordinary General Meeting. The Meeting shall be called by the Committee.

3.10 A quorum shall comprise not less than five Committee members

#### 4. **SUB-COMMITTEES**

4.1 The Committee shall be empowered to form any Sub-Committee and co-opt members of the Club to serve as required.

4.2 The Committee shall define the terms of reference to the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The findings of the Sub-Committee shall be reported to the Club Committee.

4.4 The Committee shall not be bound by the report of any Sub-Committee.

#### 5. **MEMBERSHIP**

5.1 A full member of the Club shall be not less than eighteen years of age and shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club. The term 'member' used within this Constitution shall mean a full member.

5.2 An Associate member shall be not less than eighteen years of age but shall not have any voting rights nor be nominated for office or as an elected member of the Committee.

5.3 Application for membership shall be submitted to the Committee and be supported by two members of the Club. The Committee shall reserve the right to reject any application.

5.4 The Committee reserves the right to withdraw membership of any member or Associate member.

5.5 A person subject to the conditions set out in 5.4 may request that an Extraordinary General Meeting be called to endorse the Committee ruling under 5.4. Notice in writing of such a Meeting shall be given at least twenty-one days before the date set for the meeting. The ruling shall be confirmed if the majority of members present vote in favour of the ruling.

5.6 A husband or wife of a full member is deemed to be an Associate member of the Club unless the husband or wife of the full member is also a full member as defined.

5.7 Membership subscriptions fall due on the First of January each year and membership is deemed to have lapsed if subscriptions have not been paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> January in the same year.

**6. TRUSTEESHIP OF THE CLUB PROPERTY KNOWN AS CLWT-Y-BEL**

- 6.1 The Club property known as Clwt-y-bel situate in Deiniolen and being a freeing property shall be held by the Trustees in Trust in accordance with the Constitution of the Club.
- 6.2 Four Trustees shall be appointed by the Committee. A Trustee shall remain in office for life or until such time as the Trustee retires from office or the appointment of the Trustee shall be revoked by the Committee.
- 6.3 The Committee shall indemnify the Trustees against all liabilities resulting from the proper trusteeship of the Club property.
- 6.4 The Chairman shall be signatory to the formal letters of appointment of Trustees.

**7. USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CLWT-Y-BEL**

- 7.1 Clwt-y-bel shall be used for the benefit of members and associated members of the Club in pursuit of the objectives set out in 2.1 and 2.2
- 7.2 The management of Clwt-y-bel shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall cause the property to be maintained in a proper state of repair at all times and shall be empowered to raise the necessary monies for such works.
- 7.3 The Club property known as Clwt-y-bel shall only be disposed of by the Committee after a referendum of Club members where at least seventy five percent of the votes cast are in favour of the proposals set out in the referendum.
- 7.4 The Club property shall be disposed of by public Auction.

**8. RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEES**

- 8.1 The resignation of a Trustee shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary who shall place the notice before the Committee. The Committee shall appoint a new Trustee within twenty eight days of receiving the notice of resignation or notification of the death of the Trustee.
- 8.2 The Committee may revoke the appointment of a Trustee. Such termination shall be notified in writing to the Trustee at the Trustee's last known address. Termination to become effective twenty eight days after serving such notice to the Trustee.

**9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 9.1 The Annual General Meeting shall take place during January. All items on the agenda shall be resolved in accordance with the Constitution.
- 9.2 All voting at any General Meeting of the Club shall be in the form of a ballot.

10. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

10.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Committee for purposes other than those defined above. The Chairman is empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club if requested to do so by not less than ten members of the Club. Notice of such Extraordinary General Meetings shall be given in writing not less than twenty-one days before the date set for such a meeting.

11. **WINDING UP OF THE CLUB**

11.1 In the event of cessation of Club activity the Committee is empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to dispose of the Club assets in accordance with the Constitution.

11.2 After allowing for all liabilities any remaining financial assets of the Club shall be made available to be used for the general benefit of mountaineering.

11.3 No individual Club member shall make financial gain from the disposal of Club assets.

12. **SUPERVISION OF REFERENDA**

12.1 Referenda shall be organised and/or supervised by suitably impartial persons.

13. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

13.1 Amendments to the Constitution of the Club shall require a referendum of Club members in which not less than seventy-five percent of members casting votes shall approve the proposed amendments.