



# Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club

## Constitution

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1 May 2023	2.0	Revised for inclusivity and committee structure.	J Stewart

## 1 Name

Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club

## 2 Objectives

To promote the sport of building and flying model aircraft.

## 3 Powers

- a) To purchase, hire, lease or otherwise acquire land, premises, services and equipment and to maintain, improve and dispose of said land, premises and equipment as appropriate.
- b) To let, hire out or license all or any part of the club property.
- c) To provide instruction in building and flying model aircraft.
- d) To display model aircraft at local community events.
- e) To effect insurances as appropriate.
- f) To invest any funds which are not immediately required for the club's activities in such investments as may be considered appropriate and to dispose of, and vary, such investments.
- g) To liaise with other voluntary sector bodies, local authorities and other parties with a view to furthering the club's objectives.
- h) To raise funds by levying membership fees, applying for grants, accepting donations and other appropriate means.
- i) To award honoraria.
- j) To do any other thing consistent with the objectives of the club.

## 4 Membership

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of aeromodelling.

The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for a good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

Membership will comprise ...

- a) Junior member – under 18 years of age on 1st January of the subscription year.
- b) Adult member – over 18 years on 1st January of the subscription year.
- c) Honorary member – awarded for outstanding service to the Club. The holder is entitled to free membership.

- d) Associate member – someone who is considered to be an asset to the club. The position is non-fee paying and non-voting.

## 5 Election of Members

Application for membership will be made to the secretary.

The committee has the right to grant or refuse membership, but refusal shall not be on the grounds of race, gender, sexuality or disability. Reasons for refusal shall be minuted.

Honorary and associate membership status may be conferred by the committee.

## 6 Membership Cards

Membership cards will be issued to all club members.

## 7 Rules

Rules will be posted in the clubrooms and on the club website. Members will be notified when rules are updated.

## 8 Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions will be determined at each AGM.

Subscriptions are payable during the first month of the membership year, beyond which parties will apply for membership as paragraph 5.

## 9 Committee

The structure of the committee shall be as follows ...

### a) *Office bearers*

Chairperson

Vice chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer/membership secretary

### b) *Committee members*

An additional uneven number of committee members to a maximum of seven, but constrained by point three below including office bearers above.

A quorum shall be not less than half of the committee.

Committee office bearers and members shall be elected at the AGM to serve for a period of one year.

The number of committee members required for the upcoming year shall not be more than 15% of the previous year's voting membership rounded up to the next whole number including the four office bearers.

All committee members noted in the above points shall be elected at the AGM to serve until the following year's AGM, at which point they will stand down but are eligible for re-election. Should a committee position become vacant, the committee may co-opt a replacement to serve until the next AGM. (with the exception of trustees which will require an EGM)

#### **10 Legal Administration**

The legal administration of the clubrooms shall be dealt with by the three trustees. They will be the presiding chairperson, secretary and treasurer as identified within the deeds.

#### **11 Bank Account**

A bank account will operate in the name of Glenrothes Aeromodelling Club. All withdrawals from the account will require to be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the chairperson or secretary.

#### **12 Application of Monies**

- a) All monies raised by, or on behalf of the club, will be used to further the club objectives, and for no other purpose.
- b) The committee may approve payment of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any member acting on approved club business.

#### **13 Annual Accounts**

The club's financial year end will be thirty-first October. The treasurer shall present an audited annual statement of account to the AGM. The account will be audited by a competent member who shall not be a signatory to the bank account.

#### **14 Amendments**

Proposed amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the secretary, in writing, at least one month before the AGM to ensure inclusion in the agenda.

#### **15 Annual General Meeting**

The annual general meeting will be held in December of each year. Each member will be issued with an agenda at least twenty-one days prior to the AGM.

#### **16 Extraordinary General Meeting**

The secretary shall convene an extraordinary general meeting within twenty-eight days of a resolution of committee, or of receipt of a request signed by not less than twenty members. Each member will be issued with an agenda at least twenty-one days prior to the EGM.

## 17 Voting at Meetings

Each junior, adult and honorary member present shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tied vote, the chairperson shall have an additional casting vote.

The quorate vote for an AGM/EGM is thirty-three percent of all eligible members.

## 18 Minutes

Minutes shall be made of general and committee meetings. Minutes shall record the names of those present and be signed by the chairperson of the meeting.

## 19 Notices

Notices required to be given to members may be given by hand, surface mail or email.

## 20 Dissolution

Should it be considered necessary or desirable to dissolve the club, an EGM will be called.

On dissolution, the assets of the club shall be used to promote aeromodelling in Scotland. A Final statement of account will be issued to members.

Constitution adopted on 9th December 2022

(Signed)

Chairperson *Brian Barclay*

Secretary *Jim Stewart*

Treasurer *Ian Winn*