

Constitution of the Skye and Lochalsh Orchestra

1. The name of the society shall be Skye and Lochalsh Orchestra.
2. The aim of the society shall be to provide opportunities for people in the Skye and Lochalsh area to play music and to present public concerts.
3. Membership shall be open to playing members and non-playing supporters.
4. All members shall pay an annual subscription. The categories of membership and levels of subscriptions shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Treasurer.
5. The orchestra shall be run by a committee, elected at the Annual General Meeting from among the current members. The committee shall contain at least five members and no more than eight members. At its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting the committee will appoint from amongst its members a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian.
6. The committee shall appoint a Musical Director to conduct the orchestra in rehearsals and concerts. The Musical Director and Leader of the orchestra may attend committee meetings and vote on issues brought to the committee.
7. Members of the committee shall be elected for three years and can be re-elected for a further two years but must then stand down for at least one year before seeking re-election.
8. The committee may co-opt new members between Annual General Meetings but co-opted members must seek election at the next Annual General Meeting.
9. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during February or March. A minimum of 28 days written notice must be given of the meeting. A quorum for the Annual General Meeting of 10 of the members must be present. Only those who have paid their subscriptions shall be members and are eligible to vote.
10. Any member of the orchestra may call an Extraordinary General Meeting if they have the written support of at least five other members. At least 14 days written notice must be given for any such meeting.
11. The Annual General Meeting shall include a report by the Treasurer on the orchestra's finances, including a statement of the orchestra's audited accounts.
12. The Orchestra's accounts shall be audited annually by an appropriate person who is not a member of the orchestra, and shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

13. Motions at the Annual General Meeting shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote.
14. The money raised by the Orchestra through subscriptions and concerts shall be spent on any expenses necessary for the successful running of the orchestra, donations to charities, and any other relevant purposes which the membership agrees at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting. The Orchestra may apply for grants or receive gifts of money to be spent in accordance with the legitimate aims of the orchestra.
15. The Orchestra may be dissolved by a majority vote at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting. Only constituted bodies, registered charities or educational establishments may benefit from any distribution of monetary or other assets.

This constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Skye and Lochalsh Orchestra on 22.2.2014. It supersedes any preceding constitutions of this society.