CONSTITUTION OF THE PTARMIGAN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

1. Name

The club shall be called the "PTARMIGAN MOUNTAINEERING CLUB" (Hereinafter referred to as "The Club")

2. Objects

The objects of The Club shall be to provide the members with the means of access to areas where walking and mountaineering, at a variety of levels, may be enjoyed in the company of those with similar interests.

3. Membership

3.1 The membership shall consist of the following categories:

Ordinary Members

Junior Members - members under the age of 16

Associate Members - these members shall not be entitled to attend any club outings.

- 3.2 Membership fees for each category shall be as agreed by each Annual General Meeting. Where appropriate these will include Affiliation fees.
- 3.3 All members joining The Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution, any Bye-laws published by The Club and the Code of Good Practice published from time to time by The Club.
- 3.4 Any member who does not pay their subscription following 2 reminders incorporated into the Club Newsletter will be deemed to have lapsed their membership and will not be entitled to any club benefits.

4. Management

The affairs of The Club shall be conducted by an Executive Committee which shall comprise the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Bookings Convener and the Bus Conveners, all of whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from the Ordinary membership of the Club. If the position of any member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant during the year it shall have the power to fill the vacancy arising either from its members or by the co-option of an Ordinary member. The Executive Committee, as it considers appropriate, may co-opt other Ordinary members and may conduct its business electronically by email or otherwise.

5. <u>General Meetings</u>

5.1 Annual General Meeting

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in November to:

- 5.1.1 Approve the Minutes of the previous year's AGM.
- 5.1.2 Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
- 5.1.3 Receive a report from the Treasurer.
- 5.1.4 Receive a report from the Auditor.
- 5.1.5 Approve the Annual Accounts.
- 5.1.6 Elect the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.7 Consider changes to the Constitution and/or the Code of Good Practice.
- 5.1.8 Appoint an auditor for The Club's accounts.
- 5.1.9 Deal with other relevant business.

5.2 <u>Extraordinary General Meetings</u>

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10 Ordinary members of The Club. The Executive Committee shall also have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting by decision of a simple majority of its members.

5.3 Notice

At least 21 days notice shill be given to all voting members of any General Meeting.

5.4 <u>Voting</u>

- 5.4.1 With the exception of changes to the Constitution, decisions put to the vote shall be resolved by a simple majority of the Ordinary members at General Meetings.
- 5.4.2 The Chairman of The Club shall hold a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

5.5 Quora

The quorum at General Meetings shall be 10 Ordinary members and the Quorum for Committee Meetings shall be 4 members.

5.6 Changes to the Constitution

- 5.6.1 Any changes to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting. Ordinary and Associate members shall be entitled to vote at the General Meeting.
- 5.6.2 Notice shall be given to all voting members of any General Meeting as specified in 5.3, and then any proposal to change the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the meeting.
- 5.6.3 All proposals for changes to the Constitution shall be signed by two members eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

6. Finance

- 6.1 The financial year shall run from 1 November to 31 October the next year.
- 6.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of annual accounts of The Club.
- An independent person elected annually by the Annual General Meeting shall audit the accounts.
- 6.4 All cheques drawn against The Club's funds shall be signed by two of the committee.
- 6.5 All members of The Club shall be considered to be jointly responsible for the financial liabilities of The Club.

7. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of The Club, the distribution of The Club's assets shall be decided at the General Meeting where the dissolution of The Club is agreed.

Adopted at the AGM 13 November 2004 Clause 5.5 revised at the EGM 07 November 2010 Clause 6.4 revised at the AGM 05 Nov 2013

Article 4, and clause 5.1.7 revised, Article 7 deleted, Article 8 renumbered as 7 at the AGM 07 Nov 2017