



Doune Ukulele Group Constitution

1. NAME

The name of the Group shall be Doune Ukulele Group.

2. AIMS

The aims of the Group are to:

- Promote the playing and enjoyment of the ukulele among group members and others.
- Promote recreational activities and to encourage musical learning and development among our members.
- Hold regular informal musical gatherings for members to enjoy playing the ukulele in a supportive atmosphere.
- Play at gigs, charity events and similar.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- Open to anyone who agrees to the above aims.
- Membership will begin as soon as the completed membership form has been approved and membership fees paid.
- Membership fees and subscriptions may be set at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- A digital list of all members will be maintained by the Secretary and will be available to Committee members.
- Members' details will not be passed on to any third party without express permission.
- Members have the right to speak and vote at all Annual General Meetings, Extraordinary General Meetings and General Meetings, both in person and by proxy. Non-members may be invited to speak by invitation of the Committee.

4. CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

- Members may resign at any time by writing to or emailing the Secretary.
- Any offensive behaviour, including racist, sexist or inflammatory remarks, will not be permitted. Anyone behaving in an offensive way or breaking the equal opportunities statement (section 6) may be asked not to attend further meetings or Group activities or to resign from the Group.

5. NON-MEMBERS

Non-members will be welcome to Group activities at the discretion of the Committee. However, the Committee reserves the right to ask non-members to become members if they are regular attendees. Non-members are expected to maintain the same standards of behaviour as set out above for members and may be asked to leave any Group activity if they do not do so.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Group will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status, economic status or age.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held within 15 months of the previous AGM. All members will be notified by email at least three weeks before the date of the meeting, giving the venue, date and time. Nominations for the Committee may be made to the Secretary before the meeting, or at the meeting. The quorum for the AGM will be 10 members or one-third of the current membership, whichever is fewer.

At the AGM:

- The Chair will present a report of the work of the Group over the year.
- The Treasurer will present the accounts of the Group for the previous year.
- The Committee (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) for the next year will be elected.
- Any proposals given to the Secretary at least 7 days in advance of the meeting will be discussed.

8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The Secretary will call an Extraordinary General Meeting at the request of the majority of the Committee or at least eight other members giving a written request to the Chair or Secretary stating the reason for their request. The meeting will take place within 28 days of the request. All members will be given two weeks' notice of such a meeting, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, and notice may be by telephone, email or post. The quorum for the Extraordinary General Meeting will be 10 members, or one-third of the current membership, whichever is fewer.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

As and when required.

10. FINANCE

A bank account will be opened and maintained on behalf of the group at a bank agreed by the Committee.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the constitution may be made only at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any proposal to amend the constitution must be given to

the Secretary in writing. The proposal must then be circulated with the notice of meeting. Any proposal to amend the constitution will require a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

12. DISSOLUTION

If a meeting, by simple majority, decides it is necessary to close down the Group, it may call an Extraordinary General Meeting to do so. The sole business of this meeting will be the dissolution of the Group. If it is agreed to dissolve the group, all remaining money and other assets, once outstanding debts have been paid will be donated to local charitable organisations. These will be agreed at the meeting that agrees the dissolution.

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural General Meeting of the Group on:

Date 10 / 05 / 2023

Name and position in group Joe Lilmon, Chair

Signed 

Name and position in group JOHN GALLACHER, SECRETARY

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