

CLWB GORPHWYSFA CLUB

The CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Gorphwysfa Club hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

- 2.1 To promote the interests of climbing, mountaineering and hill walking amongst members of the Club and the wider mountaineering community. To encourage interest in the history of mountaineering.
- 2.2 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet, socialise, increase their knowledge of and participate in climbing and other mountaineering activities together.
- 2.3 To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.
- 2.4 To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the cliff and mountain environment, and of the history of mountaineering.
- 2.5 To support and take part in the work and activities of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall only be open to those on the membership list, to be updated by 31 December each year, hereinafter referred to as "the Membership". New members who have shown interest in the club by attending a number of meets will be admitted into the club, if nominated by at least three members and approved by the Committee of the club.
- 3.2 In addition to 3.1 above, membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement as signed on the membership form each year.
- 3.3 A reduced membership fee will apply to members in full time education.
- 3.4 The club may elect Honorary Life Members, by a simple majority of those members attending a general meeting, in recognition of outstanding service to mountaineering or to the club.
- 3.5 Members of the Club will positively encourage fellow members to engage in its activities.

4. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

- 4.1 The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

5. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

- 5.1 The elected Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".
- 5.2 The election of Officers shall take place at the AGM, not more than 8 months after the end of the financial year.

5.3 All officers will be subject to re-election at the AGM.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB

6.1 The Chairman of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Club and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club and up to six other members.

6.3 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least 20 days' notice of such a meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall submit the Club forms including the size of the membership to the BMC.

6.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club, through an annual report submitted to the AGM. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the BMC. The Treasurer shall keep records about the Membership of the Club.

6.5 The Committee shall have power to affiliate the club to other associations involved in outdoor activities.

6.6 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be three. In addition to the AGM the Committee shall hold at least one meeting each year, which may be by video conferencing.

7. CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

7.1 The Committee shall have the power to propose membership subscription levels for the Club, subject to confirmation at the subsequent AGM.

8. RULES OF THE CLUB

8.1 The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of the BMC.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the club members attending a general meeting convened for such matters. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the AGM.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The Club can be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members. Any assets should be given to a charity relevant to the objectives of the Club and chosen by the Committee.

Revisions following the discussion at the 2024 AGM and consultation with members of the Executive Committee

Vs 25 February 2025