

## **Carmunnock Heritage Society**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### 1. Name of the Society.

The Society will be named Carmunnock Heritage Society, hereafter called 'The Society'. It is a Registered Charity No. SCO15634. (Currently an unincorporated association)

#### 2. Objects of the Society.

To preserve the special rural, architectural and historic character of the village. Strengthen local pride and public awareness of Carmunnock's rich built heritage at national level.

#### 3. Aims of the Society.

Protect green spaces in and around the village from development and help to preserve historic buildings, signage and features.

Maintain a record of public rights of way.

Act as curators to the large archive of historic photographs of the village and make this widely available to residents and ex-residents.

To increase the profile of Carmunnock as a destination for visitors interested in its history and built environment.

#### 4. Membership of the Society.

Membership of the Society is open to anyone living within the Parish of Carmunnock or anyone outwith the Parish with a keen interest in the village.

#### 5. Subscriptions.

Membership will be £20 per person for a lifetime and this annual amount will be fixed annually at the AGM.

#### 6. In the event of the Society being wound up.

In the event of the Society being wound up the whole of the monies and all heritable property shall be made over to the National Trust for Scotland.

#### 7. Management.

The affairs of the Society will be managed by a committee consisting of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. There will be 6 additional committee members. The committee members will be elected annually at the AGM by members of the Society. If committee members wish to withdraw from their roles they should submit a resignation in writing to the Secretary.

Members of the Society are eligible to become committee members.

Meetings will be held at least 6 times a year and minutes will be recorded by the Secretary and circulated within 7 days.

Five members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the committee.

Each member shall have one vote and in the case of equality the Chair shall have the casting vote.

#### 8. Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held as soon as possible after the end of the financial year. Members of the Society will be invited at least 6 weeks in advance.

#### 9. Special General Meeting.

A Special General Meeting may be called either by the committee or by a requisition submitted to the Secretary and signed by 20 members of the Society. Any requisition must state the business to be discussed.

Any motion to consider the winding up of the Society can only be approved if 75% of the total membership of the Society either declare their agreement at the meeting or submit written agreement to the Secretary.

#### 10. Finance.

A financial report and balance sheet of the Society's affairs will be submitted annually as at March 31<sup>st</sup> by the Treasurer for the approval of the Society at its Annual General Meeting.

The funds of the Society will be administered by the committee through the Treasurer and will be held in the name of the Society.

#### 11. Heritable Property.

The Society will have power to own or lease heritable property in any place within the parish of architectural or historic interest and either to retain such property or to sell the same to approved purchasers.

The Society currently owns the Glebe land together with part of the lane running to the North side of King George V park. The Society is also responsible for directional finger posts, the Doo Well and the informative plaques on sites of historic importance.

The committee will act as Trustees on behalf of the Society. The committee will ensure that such property is adequately insured on behalf of the Society. The Glebe land is to be retained as grassland in perpetuity.