The Border Concert Band

Constitution

- 1. The Band will be known as 'The Border Concert Band', hereinafter referred to as 'The Band'.
- 2. The object of the band is to promote and perform wind band music in north Cumbria.
- 3. Membership of the Band is open to all woodwind, brass and percussion players of a reasonable standard of playing, over the age of 15.
- 4. The committee will consist of the following members: the chairperson, the secretary, the treasurer, the bandmaster, and 4 elected band members.
- 5. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held during January at a time and place to be notified not less than twenty-one days before the date of the AGM.
- 6. The bandmaster is a permanent committee member, all others shall be elected at the AGM.
- 7. The chairperson, secretary and treasurer are the officers responsible for the everyday running of the band.
- 8. Each nomination for the committee must be proposed and seconded by members of the Band. If there are two or more nominations for a post then a ballot will be held.
- 9. All items for the AGM agenda must be given in writing to the secretary at least one week before the meeting. Any motion proposed must be seconded by another band member and can only be carried by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the chairperson will have the casting vote.
- 10. There must be at least 50% of the Band present at the AGM before a vote can be taken.
- 11. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be proposed to the committee by giving full details in writing. The decision to hold an EGM will be made by the committee, giving at least twenty-one days notice. An EGM can also be proposed by a band member during a rehearsal, and it will held after twenty-one days if fifty percent of Band members vote for one with a show of hands.
- 12. The committee will meet as required at a location and time to be decided at the previous meeting. Additional meetings may be called by a committee member giving at least three days notice.
- 13. The committee can appoint members to fill vacancies occurring between AGMs, accept or reject engagements after consideration of band members views, and purchase, sell, renovate or dispose of any Band possessions.
- 14. The Band funds will be secured by the treasurer in a Club or Society Account at a nominated UK bank account as approved by the committee in the name of The Border Concert Band. All cheques issued must be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by either the chairperson or the secretary.
- 15. The Changes to the constitution must be proposed at an AGM or an EGM. Amendments will need two thirds of the membership to vote for the changes. Members unable to attend can vote in writing.
- 16. The Band will not be broken up so long as there are eight members opposed to that course.
- 17. In the event of the Band ceasing to be an organisation any finances remaining after the winding up process is completed will be donated to local charities.
- 18. A safeguarding policy is in place for the band
- 19. Members of the Band shall pay an annual subscription. The level of subscription for the ensuing year will be proposed by the Treasurer and a vote taken at the AGM.
- 20. The Band shall have a Code of Conduct in place.

| Adopted on 23/09/2021 | Chairperson | J Herderson | _ Secretary |
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