**THE FOSSOWAY THE FOSSOWAY ACCESS AND AMENITY PROJECT GROUP**

**CONSTITUTION**

1. **NAME**

The name of the Group shall be The Fossoway Access and Amenity Project Group (hereinafter referred to as “the Group”)

1. **OBJECTS**

The objects of “the Group” shall be to enhance the environment to the benefit of the inhabitants of Fossoway and its environs without distinction of gender, sexuality, political, religious or other belief by associating the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities, or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interest of social welfare for recreation.

In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the Group shall seek;

1. to maintain and enhance Penney’s Wood Community Woodland and to engage in any other similar project that may arise in future;
2. to advance the conservation and protection of the natural environment; and
3. to encourage community involvement and support in the Group’s activities.
4. **ANCILLARY POWERS**

In connection with carrying out its general or particular purposes under this Constitution “the Group” shall have the following powers.

1. To organise functions and schemes to raise money insofar as they are permitted by law.
2. To receive and issue grants and to accept gifts and donations for the purposes stated in the Constitution.
3. To enter into contracts with individuals or organisations which will enable the objectives of “the Group” in whole or in part to be addressed.

**4 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of “the Group” shall be open to any individual living in Fossoway District and to representatives from other bodies whose objects are similar or complementary to the Group and are accepted by the management Committee as being interested in supporting its objects.

1. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The affairs of “the Group” shall be managed by a Committee comprising a maximum of twelve members.

Co-opted Members

The Committee may co-opt as required any suitable persons in excess of the maximum of twelve members for the purposes of gaining particular expertise.

**6 OFFICERS**

As such times as a vacancy arises, the Committee shall elect from within its Membership a Chairperson, Treasurer and a Secretary.

**7 MEETING OF THE GROUP**

7.1The members of the Committee shall hold an Annual General Meeting, open to all, held in April each year**.** The Annual General Meeting shall be for the purpose of hearing reports from the officers on the activities of the Group during the previous twelve months and inspecting the audited statement of accounts for the same period. Elections for the Committee members and office bearers shall also be held.

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(i) The members of the Committee shall hold General Meetings as and when required but not less than 3 times annually at which normal business matters will be discussed. Notice of each meeting with agenda shall be given to members of the Committee at least 7 days in advance.

(ii) At all meetings the Chairperson shall take the Chair. In their absence the Members of the Committee present shall elect a Chairperson for the meeting.

(iii) At a General Meeting the quorum shall be no less than 5 Members including one Officer.

(iv) Minutes shall be kept of all General Meetings.

**8 FINANCE**

1. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Committee shall be applied to further the objectives of “the Group” and for no other purposes.
2. The Treasurer shall keep proper and accurate books of accounts for the finance of the Committee. An audited account of funds for the preceding year ended 31st March will be presented to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The Treasurer shall open an account in the name of “the Group” and shall pay all monies not immediately required by the Committee into that account.
4. Operations on that account shall be validated by the signature of either of two Officers of the Committee one of whom will be the Treasurer.

**9 ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution may be altered or added to at any General Meeting of “the Group” after notice of any proposed amendment has been circulated to Committee Members fourteen days in advance of the Meeting and such alterations and additions are consented to by not less than two thirds of the Members present at the Meeting.

**10 DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the Group being dissolved the funds and assets thereof shall be made over by the Committee within six months of dissolution to a voluntary body within Perth & Kinross Council Area that is a charity in law having related objectives.

**11** **COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Secretary shall make a copy of this Constitution available for inspection at all reasonable times**.**

**This Constitution was adopted at the General Meeting of The Fossoway Access and Amenity Project Group held on 3rd October 2018 at Crook of Devon.**

**Certified as a true copy**

**Name:**

**Office:**

**Address:**

**Signed: Signed:**

**Date: Date:**