



Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association

Constitution

1. Name.

The name of the organisation shall be the Central, South West and Wales Celtic Supporters Association hereinafter called the 'Association'.

2. Aims and Objectives.

- a) To represent the interests of its members.
- b) To establish a mutually beneficial relationship with Celtic Football Club.
- c) To encourage other Celtic Supporters Clubs (CSC's) within our catchment area to become actively involved in the Association.
- d) To actively promote social inclusion and embrace social and cultural diversity.
- e) To adopt an open, transparent and inclusive approach that encourages active and equal participation of its members.

3. Membership.

- a) Membership of the Association shall be open to any CSC subject to the acceptance of existing members at the next full meeting of the Association.
- b) Acceptance of new members is subject to a vote with a decision being reached by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- c) Membership fees shall be agreed at the AGM and rates should maximise participation whilst ensuring the economic viability of the Association is not compromised. The subscription becomes payable and renewable at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- d) CSC's may also become Associate Members before or instead of becoming full members for a period of 12 months. Associate Members are encouraged to actively participate within the Association but as they do not pay an annual membership subscription they have 'observer status' and therefore no voting rights, access to ticket benefits/hospitality etc.
- e) Membership does not prevent Clubs from participating in other CSC representative organisations, forums etc.
- f) New member clubs shall be notified of the Association's constitution (and all other policies etc) and accepting membership implies acceptance of these.

4. The Committee.

- a) The Committee will consist of the following officers:
 - I. Chairperson.
 - II. Secretary.
 - III. Treasurer.
 - IV. Ticket Officer.
 - V. Communications Officer.
 - VI. Recruitment Officer.
- b) All Committee members will be elected by the membership at the AGM.

- c) Additional officers may be co-opted on to the Committee on a permanent or ad-hoc basis at a full meeting of the Association subject to approval of those present and ratification at the following AGM.
- d) All Committee members will retire annually and be eligible for re-election.
- e) Where there is more than one nomination for any officer's role each will be required to present their case at the AGM. Unless otherwise agreed voting shall be by secret ballot (**see 9. Voting**).
- f) Committee members who fail to attend or submit written reports for 75% or more of meetings during their term of office will be deemed ineligible for re-election.

5. Duties of the Committee.

Duties of Committee members shall consist of the following:

- I. **Chairperson**:- To chair all Association meetings and ensure that the Association complies with this Constitution and other Policies. Where required the Chairperson has final and casting vote. She/he will act as spokesperson for the Association and will delegate such responsibilities when necessary.
- II. **Secretary**:- Responsible for organising and recording Association meetings, communicating Association business between Members and providing/updating information to the 'Celtic View'.
Responsible for keeping an up to date record of all matters relating to membership, ticket bonds, ballots for hospitality packages etc.
- III. **Treasurer**:- Responsible for administering and accounting for the financial affairs of the Association.
- IV. **Ticket Officer**:- Responsible for liaising with and between Members and Celtic Football Club in all matters relating to ticketing arrangements.
- V. **Communications Officer**:- Responsible for administering the Association website and associated social media.
- VI. **Recruitment Officer**:- To engage/link with supporters clubs in the catchment area to promote the aims of the Association and to increase membership.

6. Meetings.

- a) Meetings of the Association will be held not less than Quarterly.
- b) The Chairman, or if absent the Secretary, shall chair Association meetings. In the absence of both a Chair will be elected from those members present.
- c) Hosting of Association meetings shall be equally and fairly distributed amongst Association Members.

7. Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in or around January. The Chairman shall seek agreement on a date that is convenient to the majority of members.
- b) All members shall receive at least fourteen days notice of the time and location of the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of the following:
 - I. Minutes of the previous AGM.
 - II. Matters Arising.

- III. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement.
 - IV. Chairs Address.
 - V. Other Officer's Reports.
 - VI. Election of Officers.
 - VII. Membership and Club Fee's.
 - VIII. Amendments to the Constitution.
 - IX. Any Other Business.
- d) Other items may be added to the AGM agenda providing members do so by the given deadline.
- e) Matters of 'Any Other Business' will only be accepted where time allows and at the discretion of the Chairman.

8. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM's).

- a) EGM's may be called in exceptional circumstances by the Committee to deal with a matter that is either too urgent and/or not appropriate to be considered at the next full meeting.
- b) Members shall receive as much notice as is possible of the date, time and location of any EGM.
- c) Only business for which an EGM has been convened will be dealt with, except with the unanimous consent of voting Members present.

9. Voting.

- a) The quorum for all meetings will be 25% of the CSA's membership but no less than three member CSC's present.
- b) In the interests of fairness and equality all fully paid up members of the Association have one vote per CSC regardless of the size of their own membership.
- c) Voting at all Association meetings shall be conducted by ONE elected representative per Member.
- d) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is requested (**see 4. (e) Election of Committee members**).
- e) Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of Members votes present.
- f) In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson (or acting Chair) shall have the casting vote.

10. Amendments to the Constitution.

- a) Proposals for amendments to the Constitution shall be forwarded in writing to the Chairman no later than the deadline provided prior to the Associations AGM.
- b) Amendments to the Constitution will be considered at a full meeting of the Association but are subject to ratification at the following AGM.
- c) Amendments to the Constitution will require a simple majority of Members votes present.

11. Hospitality Packages.

- a) The Association has traditionally received at least one offer of hospitality per season from Celtic Football Club.
- b) Where hospitality cannot be made available to all member Clubs a decision as to which Member CSC benefits is made by secret ballot.

- c) Once a Member CSC has attended a hospitality event they are then not eligible to be entered into a subsequent ballot until all other Members have done so, unless none of the eligible Clubs are able to accept the hospitality offer, in which case the ballot will be re-opened to all Clubs.
- d) Usual terms, conditions and regulations apply to hospitality at Celtic Park and all members attending are expected to be aware of and comply with these.

12. Disputes.

- a) The Association believes that there is no place in society for discrimination of any sort be that on the grounds of class, race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, age, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation or asylum seeker/refugee status.
- b) Behaviours deemed to be discriminatory (language, actions etc) will be sensitively challenged and appropriate action will be taken if unacceptable behaviour persists.
- c) The Association accepts that disputes within and/or between Members may arise on occasions. It is the responsibility of all Members to deal with any disputes or disagreements in an open and constructive manner. All Members have a right to be heard and to be given equal time and space to present their points of view. The Association will not tolerate any actions which attempt to marginalise, harass and/or intimidate another Member.
- d) Where a Member wishes to discuss any matters of a sensitive nature outside of a full meeting they can do so with the Chairman or another committee member who will enter into dialogue with the Member in an attempt to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of all concerned.
- e) Where a Member CSC becomes involved in a dispute with the Association attempts will be made to find an amicable resolution where a Member CSC becomes involved with a dispute with the Association. Where this is unsuccessful the Association reserves the right to be represented at a meeting of the CSC in question to present a fair and balanced position. **Where a CSC waives the Association's right to do so their membership shall be suspended and they shall forego any finances paid into the Association in the form of membership subscriptions, ticket bond etc.**

13. Dissolution.

- a) The Association shall not be dissolved without the consent of two-thirds of its Members present at a meeting specifically convened for that purpose and only on the terms and conditions that the Members may determine.
- b) The procedure to dissolve the Association shall be as follows:
 - I. Realise all assets at the earliest opportunity.
 - II. Settle any and all outstanding liabilities.
 - III. Distribute any remaining surplus to deserving charitable causes, as decided by full Members.

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