



EAST ANTRIM OLD VEHICLE CLUB CONSTITUTION.

1. The aims of the club are to encourage the preservation and use of the old Vehicles by arranging social contact between owners and providing such other services to owners as may be deemed expedient.
2. The organisation shall be an unincorporated association and shall be called "EAST ANTRIM OLD VEHICLE CLUB." It shall consist of: -
 - (a) Full Members. (b) Honorary Members. (c) Junior Members (15-17)
3. The membership of the Club shall be open to both men and women interested in the old and Classic Vehicles, irrespective of nationality, religion, or political opinion. Vehicles eligible for Club events shall be registered on or before 31st December 1999. This may be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting each year.
4. The Club shall elect the President, a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary, Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer and a committee of 5 persons at the AGM. Other posts can also be filled at each AGM.
5. The Committee shall consist of Office bearers and 5 members elected at the AGM. Vacancies on the Committee occurring during the period of office shall be filled by co-option. The committee meeting cannot be held with less than 7 members present.
6. The President and all office bearers shall hold the office for two years. The office of President shall be an honorary position and shall be treated as such. The Vice- Chairperson shall be automatically elected to be the next Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson refuses to be considered for the chair, the members shall elect a new Chairperson
7. The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting, but, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside, in the absence of Vice-Chairperson the members shall have the right to choose one of the members to chair the meeting.
8. The Secretary shall attend to Club business matters and maintain and update the Register of members. The Assistant Secretary shall record the minutes of each monthly meeting.
9. The Treasurer shall attend to the finances of the Club. He shall present a record of the Club's financial transactions, duly audited by a member or members appointed for such purpose, for inspection at the AGM. If any member lodges a complaint regarding the accounts, the Committee may elect an independent Auditor, who may not be a committee member, to investigate the complaint and report to the Club on his findings.
10. All cheques must be signed by the two of the three signatories of the account.
11. The Committee shall control the funds of the Club, and no club member may incur expense or liability on behalf of the Club without prior consent of the Committee. Expenses incurred by an officer, or organiser shall present the account to the monthly club meeting to be approved by the club for payment.
12. The Club shall hold monthly meeting first Tuesday of each month. The AGM of the Club shall be held in November of each year.
13. The Club may elect a sub-committee to undertake any particular task referred to them. The sub-committee shall have the power to organise, but the sub- committee shall report to the club of the progress being made.
14. Amendments to the Constitution and Rules can only be made by a Special Resolution of the Club at extraordinary General Meeting with the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present.
15. In the event of a decision being taken at extraordinary General Meeting to disband the Club, any funds and assets belonging to the Club shall be realised, and the disposal of the proceeds shall be decided at the discretion of the club.
16. Members shall respect other member's points of views and shall not make personal attack. If an individual's problems cannot be resolved on the night it will be carried to a committee meeting, the committee's decision will be read at the next meeting by the chair. The committee's decision is final.

17. Honorary membership may be given to persons invited to join the Club at the discretion of the Club, and shall be deemed to be qualified as full member for such period as the Club shall determine.
18. Only Honorary and Full members shall be entitled to vote at meetings.
19. Each full member shall have one vote. The Chairman shall have, in addition to his vote as an ordinary member of the Club, a casting vote which must be given for or against a motion, but only where there is equality of voting by the members present.
20. SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Annual Subscriptions for members of the Club shall be determined at the AGM and shall become due on the 1st January of each year. Members shall be advised of the Annual Subscription rates via the Newsletter or Email. Any member failing to pay their subscription by the end of March shall be notified in writing or by telephone. Failure to pay by the end of March will automatically disqualify membership. The Treasurer to supply all members with standing order forms to make renewal payment process easier.
21. Members wishing to join or rejoin the club shall complete the membership form duly proposed and seconded by the existing members of the club, and submitted at the monthly meeting of the club. New members or members rejoining pay an initial fee of £25 to include annual membership. Partners of fully paid members will be entitled to a £5 discount for joint membership. New member joining at the end of September shall have his/her fee paid for the following year. Members joining at the club meeting shall not be asked to leave the room to be considered for joining the Club.
22. A member on resigning from the Club shall forfeit the balance of their current membership.
23. The Club shall issue a membership card and a copy of this constitution to all members, and thereafter a copy of the constitution to every new member on joining the Club. Membership cards shall be renewed each year.
24. All events shall be self-funding or by Sponsorships. In the event of no sponsorship being available the authority to purchase finisher's award must be approved by the Club.
25. All organisers of events must return the entry forms to the Secretary for safe keeping for Insurance purposes.
26. No refunds shall be given for failures to attend an event unless agreed in advance.
27. Each organiser of the event shall furnish a full report with money received and the expenses incurred to the Treasurer. The entry forms to be handed to the Secretary. The Secretary must keep all the entry form for three years for Insurance purposes.
28. The club shall organise one event each year for the purpose of which will be to raise funds for that chosen Charity. The Charity shall be chosen at the November meeting of the Committee elected to manage the Charity Run, The letters submitted to the club secretary by paid up members not later than 30th September of each year. The selection will be left to the organising committee. The method employed will be at the discretion of the committee.
A Charity can be re-submitted into the charity draw after 10 years.
29. The Club shall have power to reprimand, expel or suspend any member who shall infringe the constitution of the Club or whose conduct, whether, within or outside Club events, has in their opinion been injurious to the character and interests of the Club. No member shall be so reprimanded, expelled or suspended unless a majority of two thirds of the members present vote for the expulsion or suspension at extra ordinary general meeting. Any member so expelled shall forfeit his/her subscription and shall not be eligible for re-election to membership.
30. Interpretation. The decision of the Committee in all matters of dispute and disagreement as to interpretation of this Constitution shall be accepted by members final and binding.

Adopted: 1st November 2016

Amended: 4th February 2020

Chairman: Norman Neill

Chairman: William Peoples

Secretary: Gavin Millar

Secretary: Carol Neill