



## CONSTITUTION OF TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION (SCOTLAND)

### 1. Name

The name of the association is the Turnbull Clan Association (Scotland).

### 2. Objects

The association is a non-profit-distributing voluntary association, which aims to:

- (a) Develop cultural and social exchange across the world between descendants of the Turnbull family who are based in the Scottish Borders and those descendants based elsewhere.
- (b) To promote the general interest of the Turnbull Clan Association and to cultivate the spirit of kinship, fellowship and social intercourse among society members throughout the United States and Canada and with those of the Turnbull Family of Scotland and their septs and descendants in Scotland and throughout the world.
- (c) To inspire among members, descendants and the general public the pride and spirit of Scottish ancestry embodied in Scottish history and ideals, to honour Scottish heritage, to preserve and perpetuate for the present and future those customs and ethics of their forefathers and all the traditions of value, qualities and attitudes which have proved to be of sound social benefit.
- (d) To collect and preserve literary, historical and genealogical records and documents and relics relating to the history of the Turnbull family in Scotland.
- (e) To foster better cooperation and understanding between the North American continent and the Borders are of Scotland, the traditional homeland of the Turnbull family.

### 3. Powers

- (a) To develop enterprising projects for members of all ages of the association that will meet its objects.
- (b) To effect insurance of all kinds.
- (c) To purchase, take on lease, hire or otherwise acquire, any property or rights which are suitable for the association's activities.
- (d) To improve, manage, develop, or otherwise dispose of, all or any part of the property and rights of the association.
- (e) To sell, let, hire out, license, or otherwise dispose of, all or any part of the property and rights of the association.
- (f) To borrow money, and to give security in support of any such borrowings by the association.
- (g) To raise funds in pursuance of the association's objects and to accept grants, donations and legacies of all kinds and any reasonable conditions attaching to them.
- (h) To pay bona fide expenses and running costs incurred in pursuance of the objects.
- (i) To employ such staff or consultants as may be required by the association from time to time.
- (j) To do anything which may be incidental or conducive to the furtherance of the association's objects.

#### **4. Membership**

- (a) Membership of the association is open to anyone with the surname Turnbull, descendant or married to a Turnbull, or anyone interested in the name and history of the Turnbull name,
- (b) The Management committee may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership.
  
- (c) The Secretary shall maintain a register of members, setting out the full name and address of each member, the date on which he/she was admitted to membership, and the date on which any person ceased to be a member.
- (d) The annual membership fee (if any) will be set at the AGM.

#### **5. General Meetings**

- (a) A General Meeting (AGM) will be held annually in February to receive an annual report by the chairperson, to consider the annual accounts and appoint an independent examiner, and to elect the Management Committee.
- (b) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Management Committee, or at the request of ten members of the association.
- (c) The quorum for General Meetings shall be one third of the membership.
- (d) At least fourteen days' notice of General Meetings must be given to members unless otherwise specified by this constitution.
- (e) If there are an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the chairperson of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote.

#### **6. Management Committee and Office Bearers**

- (a) The Management Committee will consist of a minimum of five and maximum of twelve members who will manage the association on a day-to-day basis.
- (b) The quorum for meetings of the Management Committee shall be three persons or one third of the total number of Committee members, whichever is greater.
- (c) At the first meeting after the AGM the Management Committee shall elect from among themselves the following office bearers: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.
- (d) In the event of casual vacancies, the Management Committee may co-opt up to one third of the maximum number of committee members to serve until the next annual General Meeting.
- (e) The Management Committee will meet at least six times a year; at least seven days' notice of committee meetings shall be given.
- (f) Minutes will be taken of proceedings at all meetings, including the names of those present, and these will be signed by the Chairperson.
- (g) All Management Committee members shall retire from office at the Annual General Meeting but will be eligible for re-election.
- (h) Members of staff may not be members of the Management Committee.
- (i) A member of the Management Committee, who has a personal interest in any transaction or other arrangement that the association is proposing to enter into, must declare that interest at a meeting of the committee and may not vote in that respect.
- (j) If there are an equal number of votes for and against any resolution, the chairperson of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote.

#### **7. Finances**

- (a) A bank account in the name of the association shall be kept. The signatures of two persons appointed from the Management Committee shall be required for its operation.
- (b) A statement of accounts shall be made up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year and shall be examined in accordance with current legislation.

#### **8. Dissolution**

- (a) If the association determines that, for any reason, it is appropriate for the association to be dissolved, it shall convene a Special General Meeting giving at least 21 days' notice and stating the terms of the proposed resolution.
- (b) If the proposal to dissolve the association is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the association shall have the power to dispose of any assets remaining after satisfaction of debts to another charitable/voluntary association in the Scottish Borders, as identified by those present and voting.

**9. Amendments to constitution**

This constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of those and voting at a General Meeting, providing that due notice has been given including the terms of the resolution. No amendments may be made if their effect would be to render the Association ineligible for charitable recognition.

This constitution was adopted at a General Meeting of the Turnbull Clan Association (Scotland) on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

Chairperson

Secretary / Treasurer

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