

- 1 The name of the Local Association shall be “The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (Perth and Perthshire Branch)” or, in short, RSCDS Perth & Perthshire Branch (hereinafter called “the Local Association”).
- 2 The Local Association is an autonomous body consisting of members of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (hereinafter called “the Society”). While it has similar objects to and associates with the Society, it operates and carries out its administration and management independently from the Society.
- 3 The objects of the Local Association shall be:-
 - a) to preserve, and further the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing;
 - b) to provide, or assist in providing, special education or instruction in the practice of Scottish country dancing;
 - c) to promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish country dancing by any suitable means
 - d) generally to do such things as are considered by the Local Association to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects above stated.
- 4 Members shall be persons aged sixteen and over interested in the objects of the Local Association. Every person who is a member of the Local Association must be a member of the Society. Associate members of the Local Association shall be persons under the age of sixteen with such privileges as shall be determined by the Local Association in General Meeting.
- 5 The rates of subscriptions for members shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the Local Association in General Meeting.
- 6 The Local Association shall elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary and Treasurer. These shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Local Association. Retiring Office Bearers shall be eligible for re-election, but the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall not hold office for more than two years consecutively and the Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer shall not hold office for more than five years consecutively.
- 7 The Local Association shall be managed by a committee which shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and six members appointed at Annual General Meetings (two of which members shall retire each year in rotation). The Committee shall have the power to co-opt an additional member or members. A retiring member shall not be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.
- 8 Nomination for Office-Bearers and members of the Committee will be submitted in writing to the Secretary not later than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 9 A majority of the Committee shall be a quorum. The committee shall authorise such expenditure as it shall deem necessary, and shall, save as herein otherwise provided, have full powers of management and control of the conduct, affairs and property of the Local Association.
- 10 The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees from its own Members and to delegate any of its powers or duties to such sub-committees.

- 11 The Annual General Meeting of the Local Association shall be held in September.
- 12 A Special General Meeting of the Local Association shall be called by the Secretary at any time on the instructions of the Committee, or any Twelve Members of the Local Association.
- 13 At least Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any General Meetings and the Agenda of all such General Meetings shall be published and made available to all Members.
- 14 The Accounts of the Local Association shall be drawn up for the year ending 30 April each year commencing with 30 April 2012; the Accounts for the period to 30 April 2012 will cover the period from 1 June 2011.
- 15 At the Annual General Meeting:
- a) the Committee shall report on the work of the Local Association
 - b) the Treasurer's Accounts accompanied by the Report of the Honorary Auditor shall be submitted
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- c) the Secretary, or other appointed member, shall report on the work of the management Board and Standing Committees of the Society
- 16 A Member in good standing shall be entitled to receive the publications of the Local Association and of the Society and to take part in and vote at General Meetings of the Local Association. Any Member whose subscriptions are more than four months in arrears shall not be considered to be in good standing. The Secretary shall delete from the list of members any Member whose subscription is twelve months in arrears.
- 17 Alteration of the Constitution may be made by a majority of not less than Two-Thirds of the recorded votes and the Secretary shall include in the notice of meeting intimation of any proposed alteration.
- 18 Disbandment:
- a) Notice of intention to disband the Local Association shall be given to the Secretary of the Society at least two months before the date proposed for such disbandment.
 - b) The balance of the funds, after all liabilities have been met, and all property belonging to the Local Association shall be transferred to such other charity having objects similar to those of the Local Association (excluding geographical limitations) as the members in General Meeting, whom failing, the Committee, shall decide.
- 19 Subject to any restrictions on numbers and any procedures contained in the Society's constitution, the Committee of the Local Association shall nominate a delegate or delegates to attend a general meeting of the Society and represent the Local Association at such meeting. In the event of a nominated delegate being unable to attend such meeting, an accredited substitute shall be allowed.

September 1st 2011