



New Society Rules

Purpose of the update:

- ❖ The existing rules are from 2008 and require updating by way of an extraordinary resolution at an AGM.

- The Society is proposing to adopt the 2022 Supporters Community Mutual Model Rules to modernise our constitution, align with current best practice, and ensure our governance reflects how supporter-owned organisations operate today.



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Why Change the Rules?

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- The existing rulebook is over 20 years old and no longer reflects current legislation or supporter-trust standards.
- The new model rules are drafted by Supporters Direct Scotland and are widely used across the UK.
- They provide clearer governance, stronger accountability, and simpler processes for members and the Board.
- They ensure compliance with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.



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What's Changing? (High-Level Summary)

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- Clearer Objects & Community Purpose: Updated wording emphasises supporter representation, community benefit, and transparency.
- Modernised Membership Rules: Clearer criteria for joining, leaving, and maintaining membership; annual subscription requirements are unambiguous.
- Updated Governance Structure: Board powers, duties, and conduct are aligned with current standards and SDS guidance.



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- Simplified General Meeting Procedures: Quorum is now *20 members or 5%*, whichever is lower — making meetings more workable for a small, engaged membership.
- Transparent Financial Oversight: Clear provisions for Independent Examination or audit, depending on the Society's size and statutory obligations.



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- Stronger Asset Lock: Ensures the Society's assets remain protected for community benefit.
- Modernised Rules for Resolutions: Constitutional changes require a 75% majority; all other decisions are simple majority.



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What Stays the Same?

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- One-member-one-vote democratic control.
- Commitment to community benefit, not private profit.
- Member ownership and accountability of the Society.
- The Society's ability to hold shares in the Club and represent supporters.



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Impact on Members:

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- No change to your rights as a member.
- No change to your voting power.
- No change to your annual subscription.
- Meetings become easier to run and more accessible.
- Governance becomes clearer, more robust, and legally up-to-date.



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Why this Matters Now:

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- The Society has rebuilt its membership and governance over the last two years.
- Adopting the new rules completes that modernisation and gives us a stable, compliant foundation for future growth.
- It ensures we operate to the same standards as other supporter-owned organisations across Scotland and the UK.



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Extraordinary Resolution (special quorum):

“That the revised rules of Livingston Independent Supporters Society Limited, as presented to this Annual General Meeting, be adopted in full, subject to registration with the Financial Conduct Authority, in accordance with Rules 50 and 51.”

=> three-quarters (75%) majority of a minimum of 15 voting attendees (either present or by proxy).