

# **Dingle Hillwalking Club**

## **Cumann Sléibhteoireachta Chorca Dhuibhne**

### **CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

*As revised and adopted at the AGM held on 17th October 2025*

#### **NAME**

The name of the Club shall be Cumann Sléibhteoireachta Chorca Dhuibhne hereinafter referred to as the Club.

#### **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

2.1 To facilitate and increase the enjoyment of mountaineering activities by members of the Club.

2.2 To act as the collective voice of Club members.

2.3 To assist in the work of the MCI aimed at maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.

2.4 To encourage Club members to train to be capable of ensuring their own safety in the mountain environment.

2.5 To make information on responsible use of the mountain environment available to Club members.

#### **3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone over 18 years of age, hereinafter referred to as the Membership.

3.2 Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that Hillwalking and Climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

3.3 Club Members are required to adhere to the Club **Code of Conduct** and any breaches may result in the instigation of the Club **Complaint Procedure**.

#### **4. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

4.1 The Club will be controlled by its members acting in General Meeting. One of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting at which Officers of the Club will be elected.

4.2 Management of the Club between General Meetings shall be entrusted to the elected committee who must act in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of the Club. They may make decisions on matters not covered by the Constitution or Rules but these must be approved by the next General Meeting.

## **5. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

5.1 The Officers of the Club shall be the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by the members at an Annual General Meeting.

5.2 No Officer shall serve continuously in the same position for a term longer than three years.

5.3 Should one or more Officer roles fail to be elected at the AGM, such role(s) may be filled by the incoming Committee. In this eventuality, the Committee may decide that Rule 5.2 will not apply for the current year.

## **6. COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB**

6.1 The President of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of the Club and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club plus a number of others nominated at the AGM. The Committee may designate various support roles if considered useful (eg. Training Officer, Environmental Officer, Assistant Secretary, Social Events Organiser, Midweek Walks Organiser).

6.3 The Committee shall nominate representatives of the Club to attend MCI General meetings to represent the views of the Membership and vote on behalf of the Club.

6.4 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for communications between the Committee and Club Members; also for communications with Mountaineering Ireland other than those relating to Membership renewal and fees. The Secretary shall give 7 days clear notice of Committee meetings together with a proposed agenda. The Secretary shall give at least 14 days notice of the AGM and invite members to submit motions within 3 days. The agenda for the AGM shall be forwarded to members at least 7 days before the AGM.

6.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Club and shall be accountable for the income and expenditure of the Club. In particular, the Treasurer shall be responsible for the membership renewals, new members and payment of membership fees to Mountaineering Ireland.

6.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non voting members.

6.7 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members rounded up to the next whole number. The Committee shall hold at least one meeting each year.

## **7. CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

7.1 A General Meeting shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club.

## **8. RULES OF THE CLUB**

8.1 A General Meeting shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of the MCI.

8.2 Any paid up member of the Club is entitled to vote at General Meetings.

8.3 Votes will be decided on a show of hands basis.

## **9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB**

9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be in accordance with Rule 6.4 above.

9.2 The Club Rules may be amended by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be in accordance with Rule 6.4 above.

## **10. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

10.1 The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9; whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst the members or donated to charity, MCI Environmental Defence Fund, Mountain Rescue, etc. as desired by the members. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all members.

