

POYNTON YOUTH BRASS BAND – CONSTITUTION October 2019

- 1. The Band shall be called 'Poynton Youth Brass Band' hereafter referred to as 'the Band'.**
- 2. The object of the Band shall be to provide young people (19 years old and under) with the experience of ensemble playing and other aspects of Brass Band music including Concerts and Contests.**
- 3. The funds and property of the Band shall be the responsibility of the officers of the Committee.**
- 4. The Band shall be based at Poynton Methodist Church, Civic Car Park, Park Lane, Poynton.**

5. Membership

Membership of the Band shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

Membership of the Committee shall be open to any parent of a Band member or parent of an ex-Band member.

6. Subscriptions

Subscriptions shall be set by the Committee and reviewed annually. Any change will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

All subscriptions shall be paid monthly by standing order.

7. Management

The management of the Band's affairs shall be entrusted to the Committee.

The Committee shall consist of the officers of the Committee and a minimum of six Committee members; each member having one vote - and anyone the Committee may co-opt.

The officers of the Committee are:
Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

The Management Committee shall hold office from the date of election until the next AGM and shall be eligible for re-election if willing to stand.

In case of emergency one officer plus any other two Committee members shall together have full powers to act. These officers shall constitute the Executive.

8. Behaviour

If, in the opinion of the Committee, the conduct of any member shall be prejudicial to the interests of the Band that member shall be subject to disciplinary measures.

9. Account and Auditors

Accounts shall be prepared for the financial period 1st April to 31st March each year.

An Auditor shall be appointed annually by the Committee.

10. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall be decided by the Committee. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- To receive and approve reports on the activities of the past year.
- To receive and approve the audited accounts of the Band.
- To elect the officers and committee of the Band.
- To review subscriptions.
- To transact any other business appropriate to an Annual General Meeting.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each year no later than fifteen months after the previous year's Annual General Meeting. Notice of 21 days must be given.

11. Nomination of Officers and Committee

All members who are nominated for office must give prior agreement to their nomination. The nomination's schedule will be closed one week before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

12. Finance

The Band shall be financed by subscriptions and by engaging in concerts for which a suitable fee will be negotiated within the limits set by the Committee.

13. Safeguarding

Poynton Youth Brass Band is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects everyone associated with our band to share this commitment. We ensure that effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and adults. Every adult working or volunteering in our band has successfully completed the necessary clearances to enable them to work with children. We may need to make a referral to Children's Services when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about children are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe this would place a child at further risk. If a member of staff is concerned about a child's welfare, they will record their concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to the designated safeguarding committee members as soon as possible. Our safeguarding policy is published on our website and reviewed annually.

14. Dissolution of the Band

If at an Annual General Meeting or Extra-ordinary General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Band be passed by a majority of the Committee Members present and such resolution shall at a Special General Meeting held not less than one month thereafter at which not less than one-half of Committee Members shall be present be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Committee Members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon or at such a future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Band and after discharge of all liabilities shall give any assets monies remaining to the North West Area Brass Band Association for the benefit of youth brass bands within the North West Area who are members of the Association.