

1. Name: the charity's name is **VoNCon**

2. The purposes of the charity are:

(I) To help reduce loneliness and isolation by organising board gaming, tabletop and role playing events in the Vale of Neath and the surrounding area - allowing opportunities to foster connections and build relationships with people of all ages, genders and backgrounds.

(II) To organise a Biennial (every two years) Board Game Convention to further promote these goals, and have a positive impact on the local area.

3. Carrying out the Purposes

In order to carry out the purposes, the Trustees have the power to:

1. Raise funds, receive grants and donations.
2. Apply funds to carry out the work of the charity.
3. Cooperate with and support other charities with similar purposes.
4. Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes.

4. Money and Property

1. Money and property must only be used for the charity's purposes.
2. Trustees must keep accounts. The most recent annual accounts can be seen by anybody on request.
3. Trustees cannot receive any money or property from the charity, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses.
4. Money must be held in the charity's bank account. All cheques must be signed by 2 trustees.

5. Trustees

The charity shall be managed by a board of trustees who will be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Trustees legal and regulatory duties are set out in the Charity Commission's [The Essential Trustee](#) guide. Reading and understanding this guidance is recommended before committing to the role of the trustee. Trustees are asked to serve until the next AGM, whereby they will retire or stand for re-election. Should a trustee wish to step down before the end of service, 14 days notice and written resignation is required.

6. Membership

The charity shall have a membership. People who support the work of the charity and are aged 16 or over, can apply to the trustees to become a member. The trustees will keep an up-to-date membership list. Members aged 16+ have the opportunity to get involved in the organisation and management of the charity in a practical way. Any member wishing to do so, should request and fill in the charity's Volunteering form. The trustees may remove a person's membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the charity. The member has the right to be heard by the trustees before the decision is made and can be accompanied by a friend.

7. Annual General Meeting - AGM

1. The AGM must be held every year, with 14 days notice given to all members with an agenda attached. Minutes must be kept.
2. There must be at least 3 members present at the AGM.
3. Every member has one vote.
4. The trustees shall present the annual report and accounts.
5. Any member aged 18 and over may stand for election as a trustee.
6. Members shall elect between 3 and 8 trustees to serve for the next year. They will retire at the next AGM but may stand for re-election.

8. Trustee Meetings

1. Trustees must hold at least 3 meetings each year. At their first meeting after the AGM they will elect a chair, treasurer and secretary. Trustees may act by majority decision.
2. At least 3 trustees must be present at the meeting to be able to make decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
3. If trustees have a conflict of interest they must declare it and leave the meeting while this matter is being discussed or decided.
4. During the year, the trustees may appoint up to 2 additional trustees. They will retire or stand for re-election at the next AGM.
5. The trustees may make reasonable additional rules to help run the charity. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law.

9. General Meetings






If the Trustees consider it is necessary to change the constitution, or discontinue the charity, they must call a General Meeting so that the membership can make the decision.

Trustees must also call a General Meeting if they received a written request from the majority of members. All members must be given 14 days notice and told the reason for the meeting. All decisions require two thirds majority. Minutes must be kept.

1. Discontinuing the charity - any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a charity with similar purposes to this one.
2. Changes to the Constitution - can be made at AGMs or General Meetings. No change can be made that would make the organisation no longer a charity.
3. General Meeting - called on written request from a majority of members. Trustees may also call a General Meeting to consult the membership.

10. Setting up the charity

This constitution was adopted on **15/12/23** by the people whose signatures appear below. They are the first members of the charity and will be the trustees until the AGM, which must be held within one year of this date.

SIGNED	NAME	SIGNED	NAME
	RHYANNON SMITH Neath		JESS WILSON Carmarthen
	SAM DONNACHIE Swansea		GERAINT EVANS Neath
	CERI WILLCOX Neath		