

# **SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT GROUP**



## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1. NAME**

The name shall be the “Scottish National Party Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament Group” (hereinafter referred to as SNPCND). The group is a special section of Scottish CND (SNPCND).

### **2. AIMS**

The aims of SNPCND shall be:-

- a) An independent Scotland free of all nuclear weapons; while supporting all means of achieving the elimination of nuclear weapons we believe Scottish independence is the primary vehicle of achieving this and shall be central to all our activities.
- b) To ensure nuclear issues remain a high priority within the SNP and in the SNP’s policy development; and to inform and educate SNP members about topical nuclear issues so that they are better prepared to engage with these issues on the doorsteps.
- c) The elimination of all nuclear weapons from the British Isles.
- d) A political policy leading to world-wide abolition of all nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.
- e) Opposition to the manufacture, stockpiling, testing, use and threatened use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons by any country, and to policies which make use of such weapons more likely, or hinder progress towards multilateral disarmament.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

An individual membership of SNP CND is available to any person who holds current membership of both SNP and SCND and who endorses the aims of the group. There is no additional fee for membership.

### **4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) The secretary shall call an Annual General Meeting in the autumn of each year. At least 6 weeks notice of the date, time and place, must be given.
- b) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be the principle policy making body of SNPCND.
- c) The Executive Committee shall agree the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting which shall include:
  - i. A report from the Executive Committee
  - ii. The Presentation of a financial statement

- iii. The election of an Executive Committee
  - iv. Competent motions from any individual member or organisation
- d) Nominations for the Executive Committee will be notified to the Secretary of the SNPCND at least 21 days before the AGM.

## **5. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be called at the request of 50 individual members. The request must be in writing to the Secretary who must arrange a meeting for a date no later than 6 weeks from the date of receipt of the request.

## **6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- a) The Executive Committee will be responsible for furthering the aims of SNPCND in terms of policy, strategy, organisation and financial management.
- b) The following officers shall be elected by ballot (where there is more than one nomination): Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
- c) Six other Executive Committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- d) The Executive Committee may appoint short-life working groups (SLWG) who will report to the Executive Committee. Minutes and report from the SLWG will be presented to the Executive Committee who will be responsible for making decisions.
- e) Attendance records and the number of apologies for all candidates who stand for any position on the Executive Committee will be made available at the AGM.

## **7. FINANCE**

- a) SNPCND will apply for an annual grant from SCND. The Executive may seek further monies by fund raising activities.
- b) All monies payable to the SNPCND shall be deemed payable to the Treasurer. The financial year shall be from 1 August to 31 July.
- c) The Treasurer will submit regular Finance Reports to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will prepare a statement of account to be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
- d) The Executive Committee, except in such cases as an Annual General Meeting may decide, shall have full control over all monies, funds, property, investments and securities of whatever kind and description belonging to SNPCND
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- f) The Executive Committee shall have power to invest the monies and funds of SNPCND as it thinks fit.