



TERMS OF REFERENCE

ACCESS & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1. Governance

The Access & Conservation Committee (A&CC) is a sub-committee of Mountaineering Ireland (MI).

MI's Access and Conservation objectives are:

- a. To promote the conservation and responsible use of the mountain environment and coordinate action in conservation matters.
- b. To safeguard and secure access to mountain areas.

2. Role and Functions of A&CC

- a. To advise and support the Board and Staff in working towards MI's A&C objectives.
- b. A&CC will develop and review policy and consider items as delegated to it by the Board of MI.
- c. A&CC has authority, in accordance with the policies and budgets approved by the Board, to:
 - Appoint working groups to review particular matters of concern or areas of development.
 - Review and propose to the Board of MI policies and statements to include the following:
 1. Access (Mountain & Crag)
 2. Agriculture
 3. Bolting
 4. Built Development
 5. Forestry

6. Heritage
7. Landscape
8. Litter, Waste & Illegal Dumping
9. Organised Events
10. Path Erosion
11. Renewable Energy
12. Responsible Enjoyment of the Outdoors
13. Transport & Off Road Vehicles

- d. A&CC will also review and make recommendation on MI's membership or relationship with any environmental NGOs and other relevant bodies.
- e. A&CC should recommend to the board of MI nominations to the board of Leave No Trace Ireland. A&CC should consider the effectiveness of Leave No Trace Ireland on an annual basis and make recommendations, through MI's representative, to Leave No Trace Ireland.

3. Membership

- a. Membership of A&CC shall be by invitation, following nomination by the A&CC.
- b. The recruitment of members will be based upon skills deemed necessary for effectiveness and ongoing matters for consideration.
- c. The A&CC shall have a maximum of 10 members (not including the Secretary) to include a minimum of three people resident outside Dublin.
- d. The A&CC should include at least two Club Environmental Officers.

4. Expectations of A&CC members

Members of A&CC should preferably be:

- a. A current member of MI (club or individual);
- b. Committed to MI's Access and Conservation objectives;
- c. Willing to attend A&CC meetings and act in the interest of MI as a whole;
- d. Prepared to advise the Secretary if there are A&C issues that require a response, or where policy formulation may be required.

5. What A&CC members can expect from MI

- a. The Secretary shall act as a point of contact for A&CC members on A&C matters.
- b. Members of A&CC shall be entitled to out of pocket expenses in line with MI's Travel and Subsistence policy.

6. Chairperson

- a. The Chairperson of the A&C will report directly to and become a member of the board of MI.

- b. The Chairperson shall not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms.

7. Secretary

The Secretary of A&C will be MI's Hillwalking, Access & Conservation Officer. The duties of the Secretary will include:

- a. Arrange a schedule of meetings on an annual basis;
- b. Prepare and distribute meeting papers at least 8 days in advance of scheduled meetings;
- c. Keep minutes of all A&CC meetings;
- d. Maintain communication with A&CC members between meetings, as required to progress the work of the committee;
- e. Ensure that A&CC members have contact details for other members of the committee.

8. A&CC meetings

- a. A&CC shall have three scheduled meetings each year.
- b. A quorum at each meeting shall be four members.
- c. A&CC shall ensure that an agreed written record of each of their meetings is forwarded to the Board of MI.