

List of changes to the Constitution of the Society known as WEKA PASS RAILWAY INCORPORATED

2025-05-05

No.	Item	Change	Notes
1	Throughout Constitution	"Executive" has been changed to "Executive Committee".	The WPR Constitution previously used both terms interchangeably. The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 uses the term "Committee." For clarity and consistency, the WPR Constitution now exclusively uses "Executive Committee".
2	Section 3	"INTERPRETATIONS" has been changed to "DEFINITIONS".	The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 uses the term "Definitions".
3	Section 3	The definition of "Special Resolution" now correctly applies to Executive Committee meetings as well as General Meetings.	Clarifies when a special resolution is required.
4	Section 4	"OBJECTS" has been changed to "PURPOSES".	The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 uses the term "Purposes".
5	Section 4(a)	Additional text has been added.	Emphasises safe operations.
6	Section 5(b)	A new member must now consent to becoming a member.	To comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(c).
7	Section 5(c)	The "Family" class of membership is no longer available.	Facilitates accurate record-keeping required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 79.
8	Section 5(d)	The Executive Committee can no longer confer Life Membership.	Honorary Membership may still be granted to individuals deemed deserving.
9	Section 5(e)	The Constitution now states that the Society shall maintain a record of members.	To comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(e).
10	Section 6(b)	The date for subscription in arrears has been extended by three months.	Allows for greater operational flexibility.
11	Section 7(b)	The privileges of membership and consequences of arrears have been clarified.	Improves clarity.
12	Section 9	The requirement for notification by circular has been removed.	Reflects modern practice and ensures compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(k)(iv).
13	Section 10(a)	The requirement for notification by circular has been removed.	Reflects modern practice and ensures compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(k)(iv).

14	Section 10(b)	The term of office is now explicitly stated.	To comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(f)(iii).
15	Section 10(e)	The requirement for a quorum has been further defined.	Provides clarification.
16	Section 10(f)(i)	Adjusted to reflect the removal of Family membership.	
17	Section 11	“MANAGEMENT” has been changed to “DUTY IN RELATION TO OBLIGATIONS”.	To align with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 59.
18	Section 11	The ability for a General Meeting to contract on behalf of the Society has been removed.	To align with governance best practices.
19	Section 13	The definition of an Officer of the Society has been expanded.	To align with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 5(1).
20	Section 14(a)	The definition of an Officer of the Society has been expanded.	To align with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 5(1).
21	Section 14(a)(i)-(vi)	Definitions of these roles have been moved from Section 18 to Section 14.	Consolidates all Executive Committee-related material into one section.
22	Section 14(a)(iii)	Now states that the Secretary will be the Society’s contact person.	To comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(g).
23	Section 14(b)	Additional text added to distinguish the roles of the Executive Committee and the Board.	
24	Section 14(c)	Clarified membership requirements for Executive Committee members.	
25	Section 14(d)	The definition of an Officer of the Society has been expanded.	To align with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 5(1).
26	Section 14(e)	Text has been added to clarify what is considered to be a meeting.	
27	Section 14(f)	The definition of a quorum has been adjusted.	Adjusts the quorum requirements to ensure meetings can proceed if all positions are not filled.
28	Section 14(g)	The definition of duties has been changed.	To comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 26(1)(f)(iv).
29	Section 14(j)	Text has been added to define grounds for removal.	To comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 Section 26(1)(f)(v).

30	Section 14(k)	Requirements regarding conflicts of interest have been added.	To align with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Section 63.
31	Section 16	Explicit reference to a Publicity and Promotions sub-committee has been removed.	No longer relevant.
32	Section 18	Deleted.	All material has been incorporated into Section 14.
33	Sections 19-32	Renumbered as Sections 18-31.	Due to the incorporation of Section 18 into Section 14.
34	Section 25	Delivery methods have been updated.	Reflects modern practice.
35	Section 29	The relevant Act has been updated.	The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 replaces the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.