

# **PERTH AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2015**

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Through involvement of members and advertising a real attempt will continue to be made to increase the size of the band's membership, especially so in relation to younger members.

## **BAND IMPROVEMENT:**

- A development band will be set up, within the wider scenario of the whole band, in an attempt to ensure a clear route for pipers and drummers not at a standard to play in the 4A band to develop their skills and gain experience in competitions to help them to be able to do so in the future
- The band repertoire will continue to be expanded eg via MSR, medley selection, Christmas sets and at least one drum salute to enhance members' skills and improve the band's entertainment value at public engagements
- New routines for band formation and marching will be introduced as part of an improvement in presentation skills at events
- Also to enhance our presence in public the band will acquire Number 1 kit for playing members.

## **COMPETITIONS:**

The Grade 4A band will aim to win prizes at two or more major competitions. It will try to gain promotion to Grade 3B.

## **FINANCE:**

- The whole band will be involved in maintaining the level of income of the band to at least match current expenditure and save enough for future purchases
- New sources of funding for grants will continue to be investigated
- Grant moneys will be spent in line with the criteria under which the donation was requested
- Gift Aid will start to be reclaimed from HMRC and as much money reclaimed as possible from past years
- New members will always be asked to make minimum monthly donations to band funds rather than doing so by cash

## **CRBS:**

- A number of committee members will undergo training organised by CRBS
- All tutors will undergo CRBS checks

## **OSCR:**

- We will ensure that new information coming from OSCR is taken into account when making policy decisions

## **POLICIES:**

The band's policies will continue to be updated and reviewed on a roughly annual timescale.