

THE CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Association shall be known as "The Tenants Association of the National Trust".

2. OBJECTS

The aims of the Association shall be:-

- a. To promote and protect the interests of Members relating to their village, homes, community, environment and way of life which are considered to be a unique heritage.
- b. To ensure a fair deal for National Trust tenants and that their needs are not subverted by outside pressures.
- c. To consult with and advise the National Trust and Local Authorities on Member's specific individual or collective problems and when future plans or changes are being considered.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all National Trust tenants and members of their families living with them, as individuals or through National Trust Estate Tenants Associations.

4. COMMITTEE

- a. A Committee shall be elected to carry out the business of the Association.
- b. The Committee shall be made up of a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and six general members.
- c. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. Officers shall carry out duties given to them by Annual or Special General Meetings.
- e. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year or more if needed.
- f. Minutes of all Committee meetings shall be made available to members.

- g. The Committee can introduce or appoint new Committee Members as required but such appointments must be ratified by the Membership at the next Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. There shall be an Annual General Meeting held in March each year at which the Committee will report on it's work and present a statement of accounts and ard will resign each year. The a that has stood down may also put up for re-election.
- b. The A.G.M. shall elect a new Committee, vote on recommendations and any amendments to the Constitution.
- c. The Secretary will notify all Members at least 14 days in advance of the date of the A.G .M via the web page.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting open to all Members will be held if a motion calling for such a meetmg signed by 10 or more Members is submitted to the Secretary. The Secretary shall then arrange for the meeting to take place within 14 days of the receipt of the motion, via the web page.

7. QUORUM

- a. No Special General Meeting shall take place if less than 20 Members are present.
- b. No Committee meeting shall take place if less than one third of the Committee are present.

8. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a. This Constitution can only be altered at an A.G.M.
- b. Any suggested changes must be made in writing and handed to the Secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M.
- c. Changes must be agreed by two thirds of the Members.

9. DISSOLUTION

- a. The Association may only be dissolved at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and must be advertised to all Members at least 14 days before the Meeting.
- b. A proposal to dissolve the Association shall take effect only if agreed by two thirds of the Members of the Association.
- c. Funds and possessions will be disposed of according to the wishes of the Meeting. The disposition must be agreed by two thirds of the Members.

STANDING ORDERS

1. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- a. Discussion is to be kept to the subject matter in hand without wandering from the point.
- b. Only one person is to speak at any one time without private debates.
- c. All contributions are to be addressed to the Chairperson.
- d. The ruling of the Chairperson on any question regarding procedure at the Meeting shall be final unless two thirds of those present dissent from the Chairperson's ruling.
- e. Voting shall be by a show of hands.
- f. There shall be a quorum present (see Section 7 of the Constitution) to make any decisions binding.

2. MOTIONS

- a. A motion is any proposal put before a meeting suggesting a certain line of action.
- b. An original motion shall have a proposer and seconder.
- c. After proposal and seconding a motion will be put to the meeting for discussion.
- d. At this point other Members may propose and second amendments to the original motion, whereupon the amendments must be discussed and voted upon in succession before returning to the original motion.

- e. If all amendments are rejected the meeting will vote upon the original motion.
- f. If any amendment has been agreed then the original motion will be changed to include such amendment. The original proposer will be allowed to reply to the discussion. Finally the original motion as amended will be voted upon by the meeting.
- g. The motion as passed by the meeting will become a resolution.