

ANSTRUTHER IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be 'Anstruther Improvements Association'.

2. Aims and Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

- To promote improvements in the heritage, culture and environment of the former Burghs of Anstruther Easter, Anstruther Wester and Kilrenny.
- To supply help or improvement to such situations or areas.

3. Powers

In pursuance of the objects set out in clause 2 (but not otherwise), the Association shall have the following powers:

- a) To arrange, sponsor or promote events in furtherance of the above objects.
- b) To carry on any other activities which further any of the above objects.
- c) To purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire, any property or rights which are suitable for the Association's activities.
- d) To improve, manage, develop, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
- e) To sell, let, hire out, license, or otherwise dispose of, all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
- f) To borrow money, and to give security in support of any such borrowings by the Association.
- g) To employ such staff as are considered appropriate for the proper conduct of the Association's activities, and to make reasonable provision for the payment of pension and/or other benefits for members of staff, ex-members of staff and their dependants.
- h) To engage such consultants and advisers as are considered appropriate from time to time.
- i) To effect insurance of all kinds (which may include officers' liability insurance).
- j) To invest any funds which are not immediately required for the Association's activities in such investments as may be considered appropriate (and to dispose of, and vary, such investments).
- k) To liaise with other voluntary sector bodies, local authorities, UK or Scottish government departments and agencies, and other bodies, all with a view to furthering the Association's objects.
- l) To establish and/or support any other charitable body, and to make donations for any charitable purpose falling within the Association's objects.

- m) To form any charitable company with similar objects to those of the Association, and, if considered appropriate, to transfer to any such company (without any payment being required from the company) the whole or any part of the Association's assets and undertaking.
- n) To take such steps as may be deemed appropriate for the purpose of raising funds for the Association's activities.
- o) To accept grants, donations and legacies of all kinds (and to accept any reasonable conditions attaching to them).
- p) To do anything which may be incidental or conducive to the furtherance of any of the Association's objects.

4. Membership

- a) Shall be open to anyone sympathetic to the aims and objects of the Association.
- b) Members shall pay an annual subscription, to be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) A register of membership shall be maintained.
- d) The General committee may, at its discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership.

5. General Committee

- a) The Association shall be run by a General Committee.
- b) A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 people will be appointed to the General Committee. These shall include a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and other such Office Bearers as may be deemed necessary by the Committee.
- c) The General Committee may co-opt agreeable members of the Association to fill vacancies.
- d) All members of the General Committee, whether elected or co-opted, must retire at the next Annual General Meeting and may present themselves for re-election.
- e) The General Committee shall meet as often as required to conduct the business of the Association.
- f) A quorum shall comprise 50% plus one of the General Committee.
- g) The General Committee shall have power to appoint any competent person as a consultant in special matters but such a person shall only attend the relevant part of the meeting and shall have no voting rights.

6. Finance

- a) The property and income of the Association shall be used only for the charitable purposes that apply to the furtherance of its aims and objects.
- b) The General Committee shall cause proper accounts to be kept of the property, assets and transactions of the Association and arrange for the accounts to be examined once a year by the appointed examiner.
- c) Bank accounts shall be opened in the name of the Association with a bank or building society as the General Committee shall from time to time determine. The Treasurer, President and Secretary will be appointed signatories of the bank account and all withdrawals and cheques must be signed by two of the signatories.

7. General Meetings

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the Association's financial year and shall be publicly advertised for two weeks prior.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall:
 - Present and adopt the annual report and examined accounts
 - Appoint an accounts examiner for the following year
 - Appoint a General Committee for the following year
 - Hear and discuss any other competent business
- c) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the written request of at least ten members of the Association or by a two thirds majority of the members present at a General Committee Meeting. The meeting and its purpose must be advertised for two weeks prior.

8. Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution and Rules shall only be altered by a two third majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose. The advertisement for such a meeting must give notice of the proposed alteration. The General Committee reserve the right to preclude any alterations which affect the charitable status of the Association.

9. Dissolution

- a) In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Association, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held to formally dissolve the Association. Notice of this meeting and the purpose for which it was called shall be circulated to all members 21 days before the date of the meeting.
- b) In the event of the Association being dissolved, the outgoing General Committee shall have the power to dispose of any remaining assets of the Association towards such other organisations with similar charitable objects as may exist at the time.