

FAIRFORD COMMUNITY VOICE

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME of Members Association: FAIRFORD COMMUNITY VOICE

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To encourage greater public interest in, and care for, the unique character and history of Fairford, and the immediate surrounding area.
- b) To encourage the preservation, maintenance and improvement of historic buildings, structures, green spaces and other areas of public interest, in Fairford and the immediate surrounding area.
- c) To monitor proposed new developments for Fairford and in liaison with the Fairford Town Council, Cotswold District Council and other relevant organisations, and initiate appropriate action concerning the need for new development, positioning, architecture, infrastructure etc.
- d) To monitor new developments in Fairford, during their construction phase, to ensure compliance with the agreed plans and conditions concerning architecture, access, infrastructure, timing etc.
- e) To work with Fairford Town Council, Cotswold District Council and other relevant organisations, to ensure the introduction and maintenance of the general infrastructure in Fairford and surrounding areas, including water supply, drainage/sewage systems, highways, footpaths (urban and rural) and other public amenities.
- f) To support all activities which will maintain and increase the pleasure of living in Fairford for all existing/future residents and for visitors, including the monitoring and action regarding all environmental issues in Fairford and the surrounding areas.
- g) Support the development, improvement and maintenance of public footpaths and walking activities in general, in and around Fairford, and promote their use, including through membership of Walkers are Welcome (WAW).
- h) To pursue these ends through meetings, presentations and other forms of publicity, including social media e.g. website, e-mails, Facebook etc.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society shall be open to all those who support the aims and objectives of the Society and, pay the annual subscription, unless an exemption by the Committee has been agreed.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The amount of the annual subscription to the Society shall be proposed and agreed at the Annual General Meeting in each year.

5. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The management of the Trust shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of a

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, with a maximum of twelve members. Officers and Committee Members shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairman may serve for a period of three years with the option of one more year.

Nominations for the officers and committee members must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place.

The committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to advise on specific issues and who will attend in a non-voting capacity. A quorum for meetings of the committee shall consist of a minimum of five members (co-opted members will not form part of the quorum).

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

An annual general meeting shall be held each year to receive the Committee's report and audited accounts and to elect officers and members of the committee as above. Further extraordinary general meetings of the Trust shall be held as desired by the Chairman, the Committee or at the written request of not fewer than one-quarter of the members. At least ten days notice of all meetings of the Trust shall be given to all members. A quorum for all general meetings of the Trust shall consist of ten per cent of members.

7. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Committee shall, out of the money received by the Trust, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Trust and shall use the residue of such money as it thinks fit for or towards the objectives of the Trust. Walkers are Welcome (WaW) finances will be recorded and accounted for separately.

8. APPEALS

The Committee shall have power to make appeals and seek donations for carrying out the objectives of the Trust.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an extraordinary general meeting, called specifically for the purpose of amending the constitution. Ten days notice of the proposed meeting and amendment(s) must be given, in writing, to all members.

12. WINDING UP

In the event of the winding up of the Trust, after payment of all expenses of administration and management and all debts of the Trust, the residue of its funds shall be transferred to such one or more local charitable bodies having objectives similar to those set out above as may be chosen by the Committee. If a suitable local charitable body cannot be identified the committee shall have the authority to transfer such funds to another e.g. national. Body which has similar objectives.

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