



## Title

The title of the Association shall be the Aboyne Residents Association, hereinafter known as “the Association or ARA.”

## Qualifying area

The qualifying area is defined as that area which comprises of the roads known as and situated at: Adelaide Street, Britton Avenue, Christchurch Close, Church Crescent, Catherine Street (South Side), Etna Road, Folly Lane (odds only), Gombards, Russell Avenue, Selby Avenue, Spencer Street, Stapley Road, Upper Dagnall Street, Upton Avenue and Worley Road.

## Aims

The Aims of the Association shall be to promote the common interests of residents in the ARA defined area and to:

- Provide a forum for residents to exchange information and discuss problems (or potential problems) that affect the ARA or its members
- Draw attention to developments which may affect the quality of life in the ARA area
- Monitor and comment on major issues affecting the quality of life of residents including (but not solely): planning, conservation, traffic management and parking policies, licensing,
- cultural activities, community safety and policing, and other issues deemed of interest to
- maintain quality of life of the ARA area

## Membership

Membership shall be open to all households in the qualifying defined area. The committee reserves the right to include additional stakeholders, in specific circumstances.

## Subscriptions

The individual households shall pay such subscriptions as the Committee from time to time recommends. Subscriptions shall be due once per calendar year and payable to the designated Street Representative (see below) or the Treasurer of the Association.

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Committee shall have the authority to vary any individual subscription for new members joining after the start of the year.

## Honorary Officers

Members shall elect such officers as it may from time to time determine, but always including Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

## The Committee

The policy and general management of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of the Individual Honorary Officers (see above) and any officers or co-opted members that the Committee agree as Members, e.g. a Communications or Planning Lead member.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than four other persons. The Chairperson shall hold office for a maximum of three years. All other members shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re election. Once in each year, the Committee shall present to members an Annual Report of the Committee and the Annual Statement of Accounts.

The operation of the committee will be to:

- Collect and provide information to members and other interested groups through an occasional newsletter, use of email communication and by any other helpful means
- Represent the interests of members collectively to the relevant authorities and other organisations
- Publicise achievements and problems of members and the Association itself through the newsletters, campaigns, letters or use of media, appropriate to the issue to be addressed
- Garner information and support by working in close contact with other local organisations with complementary interests.

## Quorum

Decisions taken by the committee must be agreed by the majority of its members with not less than three members voting. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote. Political campaigning and holding office Officers of the ARA who wish to stand for election to a political party (local or national) must formally stand down (written and signed) for the duration of the campaign and, if elected, can remain as a member of the ARA but may not be an Officer of the ARA.

## Sub Committees

The Committee shall have the power to appoint such sub committees as it shall from time to time determine.

## Street Representatives

Each street (or designated group of streets) within the Qualifying Area will have a volunteer Street Representative who will act as a communication link between the Committee and the membership in that area and will also collect subscriptions.

## Minutes

Minutes shall be kept by the Association, the Committee and all sub committees.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each year. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to all members by the Secretary. The election of the committee shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for officers and committee members must be submitted at least five days before the Annual General Meeting. Individuals nominated must have agreed to stand.

## Special General Meeting

The Secretary shall, within 14 days of receiving a written request to do so by not less than 10 members (excluding Honorary Officers), call a Special General Meeting of the Association. The agenda of any Special General Meeting shall be circulated to members not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting.

## Dissolution

If the Committee by a simple majority decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association, it shall seek the approval of a simple majority of all members at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities, shall be applied towards charitable purposes for the benefit of residents associations.

## Alterations to the Constitution

Any alterations to this Constitution shall require the approval of a simple majority of the members attending an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for this purpose, providing that the members have been given not less than 14 days notice in writing of the wording of the proposed alteration.