

Rum Community Association

CONSTITUTION

NAME

The name of the Association shall be 'Rum Community Association' (hereinafter called 'the association')

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:

- To promote the well-being of the community residents on the Isle of Rum in all aspects of education and health and environment, and to provide a meeting place and facilities for recreation, social development and entertainment.
- To improve and develop social, housing, recreational and environmental facilities available to those resident on the Isle of Rum.
- To foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such objects as may by law be deemed to be charitable.
- To participate in local government affairs relating to the Isle of Rum and the community.
- To ascertain, co-ordinate and express the views of the community to:
The Small Isles Community Council
The Rum Development Group
Any other relevant groups/organisations.
- The association shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.
- All efforts of the association shall be of benefit to the community and no one single person shall stand to gain financially.

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- Voting and nominating membership is open to all community members over the age of 16 that have been resident on the Isle of Rum for more than 12 months.
- Future new community residents will be eligible to vote and nominate after they have been resident on the Isle of Rum for more than 12 months.

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

- Non voting membership will be offered to temporary residents who anticipate living on the Isle of Rum more than 6 months.
- Non voting membership may be offered to shorter term residents at the discretion of the Association.

OFFICERS

- The Officers of Chairman, Treasurer and secretary are to be elected at an Annual General Meeting by secret ballot.
- Nominations for officers are to be proposed and seconded and noted in the Community Hall prior to the AGM.
- The term of office shall be 1 year.
- If the occasion should occur that an Office bearer has to resign before the end of term of office, then an 'Extraordinary General Meeting' shall be called for the purpose to vote for a replacement.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The annual general meeting shall be held in March each year, to which all members shall be entitled to attend.
- The purpose of the meeting shall be:
 - Election of officers
 - To receive the Annual Report
 - To receive Treasurer's report.
- Any person unable to attend may end their votes for the officers by proxy.

MEETINGS

- Association meetings shall be held at least every two months.
- Dates of meetings will be set at the previous meeting.
- Any items for inclusion on the Agenda shall be given to the Chairperson at least 5 days prior to the meeting.
- The Agenda shall be sent out to all members at least two days prior to a meeting.
- The secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting and send out to all members within two weeks after a meeting.
- A quorum shall normally consist of two-thirds of the voting members.
- The Association shall aim to arrive at decisions through consultation, only using voting to decide when absolutely necessary. A vote shall be called only after exhaustive consultation.
- When the need for voting on an issue is identified at a meeting, the vote is to be deferred for a week to enable all voting members to be informed and to receive any proxy votes.
- Voting members unable to attend a meeting where a vote will take place may send their vote by proxy.
- When voting, a majority consists of the total number of votes in majority regardless of the percentage.
- Emergency meeting may be called as required, by any member of the association, giving at least 48 hours notice.
- The Chairman will not normally hold a vote, but can exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie.

THE ASSOCIATION FUNDS/ACCOUNT

- All funds raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be used solely to further the aims and objectives of the association.
- The treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Association.
- The treasurer shall provide up to date reports for each ordinary meeting.

This constitution was adopted as the Constitution of the RUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION at a meeting held in the Rum Community Hall in March 2000.