

FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK, STIRLING – CONSTITUTION

(as amended at the AGM of 6th September 2017)

1. Name

The name of the group shall be “Friends of Kings Park, Stirling”

2. Aim

The aim of the Friends is to promote interest, public awareness, improvement and development of amenities, in the Kings Park, Stirling, for the benefit of all.

3. Objectives

The group will fulfil this aim by:

- Promoting the health and well-being of Stirling residents and working together regardless of age, ethnic origin, ability, sex, belief or political affiliation recognising the value of our many differences.
- Involving local people in improving the area.
- To carry out and promote both environmental improvement and practical conservation, to educate, encourage and support the local population in environmental practice by working with statutory and non-statutory agencies.
- Promoting sport, community recreation and play facilities.
- To raise funds and receive contributions where appropriate to finance the work.
- To publicise and promote the work.
- Open bank accounts.
- Make rules and standing orders for categories of members and their rights.
- Take out insurance.
- Organise meetings, training courses and events.
- Work with similar groups and exchange information and advice with them.
- Promoting Community Safety and protect the amenity of the park.
- Take any action that is lawful, which would help it to fulfil its aims.

4. Membership

- (a) Membership of the Friends of Kings Park shall be open to anyone who is interested in helping the group to achieve its aim and willing to abide by the rules of the group. Members may join at any age.
- (b) The Friends recognise that its Membership must be balanced and as such membership will not be weighed in favour of any particular interest group.
- (c) An application for Membership will not be considered by the Committee within the 14 day period prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special meeting of the Friends.

- (d) Every Member shall have one vote at general meetings.
- (e) The Committee shall have the power to refuse Membership to an applicant, where it is considered such Membership would be detrimental to the aims, purposes or activities of the group.
- (f) Registration and termination of Membership.
 - Any Member of the association may resign his/her Membership and any representative of a member organisation or section may resign such position, by giving to the Secretary of the association written notice to that effect.
 - The Committee may, by resolution passed at a meeting thereof, terminate or suspend the Membership of any Member, if in its opinion his/her conduct is prejudicial to the interests and objects of the Group, PROVIDED THAT the individual Member or representative of the Member organization (as the case may be) shall have the right to be heard by the General Committee before the final decision is made. There shall be a right of appeal to an independent arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement.
- (g) Membership will be renewable on an annual basis. The Committee will be responsible for setting subscription rates for Membership and maintaining the record of Membership including different categories of Membership.

5. Committee

- (a) Friends of Kings Park shall be administered by a Management Committee of not less than six (6) people and not more than fifteen (15) members elected at the group's Annual General Meeting, Committee Members must be at least 18 years old.
- (b) The officers of the Committee shall be:
 - The Chairperson
 - Vice Chairperson
 - The Treasurer
 - The Secretary
 - Minute Secretary
 - Membership Secretary

and such other representatives of other agencies the group shall deem necessary at the meeting.
- (c) The Committee may from time to time co-opt persons onto the Committee and may at any time revoke such co-option. No more than one third of Committee members shall be co-opted. Co-optees shall fulfil such criteria for Committee Membership as the Committee may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, determine.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, all co-opted members shall retire at the commencement of each Annual General Meeting.
- (e) The Committee may appoint a Member of the Friends who is willing to act as a Committee Member to fill a vacancy.
- (f) The Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

- (g) At least 33% of the Committee Members must be present for the Committee meeting to take place.
- (h) Voting at Committee meetings shall be by show of hands on a majority basis. If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.
- (i) The Committee will have the power to set up sub-groups and working parties as deemed necessary which shall be accountable to the Committee.
- (j) Office Bearers shall be appointed for a maximum period of 4 years and be eligible for re-election.
- (k) The committee shall be accountable to the Members at all times.
- (l) All meetings must be minuted and available to any interested party on request.
- (m) All Committee Members shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of a meeting.

6. Finance

- (a) Any money obtained by the group shall be used only to further the aims and objectives of the group.
- (b) *"The group reserve the right to retain any excess sums of money remaining as a result of project fund-raising activities for future work of the group in line with Friends of Kings Park overall aims and objectives".*
- (c) Any bank accounts opened for the group shall be in the name of the group.
- (d) Any cheque issued shall be signed by at least two of any three nominated signatures.
- (e) The Committee will ensure that the group stays within the budget.

7. Annual General Meeting

- (a) The Friends of Kings Park shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at not more than 12 month intervals.
- (b) Where possible members shall be notified personally, otherwise notice will be deemed served by advertising the meetings in appropriate public places giving at least 14 days notice of the AGM.
- (c) The business of the AGM shall include:
 1. Receiving a report from the Chairperson of the group's activities over the year.
 2. Receiving a report and presentation of the last financial year's accounts from the Treasurer on the finances of the group.
 3. Electing a new Committee and considering any other matter as may be appropriate at such a meeting.
- (d) The quorum for Annual General Meeting shall be at least eight (8) persons of which no more than four (4) shall be Committee Members.

- (e) At the AGM there will be a general public meeting to inform the wider community about the work of the Group and how it is achieving it's aims and objectives

8. Amendments to the Constitution

- (a) Proposals for amendments to this constitution, or dissolution (see Clause 9) may be proposed at the AGM or an EGM and must be delivered to the Chair in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The Secretary in conjunction with all other officers shall then decide on the date of a forum meeting to discuss such proposals, giving at least four weeks (28 days) clear notice.
- (b) Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by at least two thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting.
- (c) Any amendments must satisfy the requirements of the Statutory Authority and be in accord with the Friends Charitable Status at such time as that Charitable Status is achieved.

9. Dissolution

The group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two thirds of those Members present and voting at any general meeting. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it and it is practical to do so, or shall be passed to Stirling Council to carry out works as specified by the group in accordance with its aims and objectives.

10. Adoption of the Constitution

This Amended Constitution was adopted by the members present at a Committee

Meeting held on: ...6th September 2017...

Signed:

...*Hector Currie*.....Chair
 ...*Lidia Becci*..... Vice Chair
 ...*Gordon Campbell*..... Treasurer
 ...*Dorothy Wilson*.....Secretary
 ...*Lidia Becci* Minute Secretary
 ...*Marguerite Nugent*.....Membership Secretary
 ...*Tom Wilson*.....Member
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