

SECTION 1

Constitution of the organisation

ST. AIDANS COMMUNITY CENTRE ORGANISATION
Brunton Park
CONSTITUTION OF THE ORGANISATION

1. NAME The name of the Organisation shall be St. Aidan's Community Centre Organisation (hereinafter called "the Organisation").
2. OBJECTS The objects of the Organisation shall be:-
- (a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Brunton Park and Melton Park, North Gosforth in the City of Newcastle upon Tyne and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called "the Area of Benefit") without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life the said inhabitants.
 - (b) To establish or to secure the establishment of the Community Centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") and to maintain and manager, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for the activities promoted by the Organisation and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.
- The Organisation shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.
- The Organisation shall have power to affiliate to the National Federation of Community Associations and to other organisations with similar charitable objects.
3. MEMBERSHIP
(Amended 5.6.98) Membership shall be one of three types, viz: Full, Junior or Associate.
- (a) FULL membership shall automatically apply to all members aged eighteen and over living in the Area of Benefit.
 - (b) JUNIOR membership shall apply to all members under the age of eighteen living in the Area of Benefit. Junior members shall not have the right to vote at Members' meetings.
 - (c) ASSOCIATE membership shall only be granted by the Management Committee (see clause 8) and apply to those members not living in the Area of Benefit.
4. AFFILIATION OF GROUPS Organisations may apply for affiliation. They must be of charitable or voluntary status and operate in the Area of Benefit and satisfy the Management Committee that:
- (i) they are independent organisations or branches of independent national or other organisations.
 - (ii) their objects satisfy the definition of the objects of the Organisation set out in Clause 2 hereof.
 - (iii) in the case of future applications that 70% of their members will qualify as full or junior members of the Organisation as defined in Clause 3(a) and (b) hereof.
5. SECTIONS Sections shall be such groups as may, with the permission of the Management Committee, be formed within the organisation among individual members for the furtherance of a common activity.
6. TERMINATION OF AFFILIATION AND/OR MEMBERSHIP The Management Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the affiliation of any organisation and to request any organisation to terminate for good and sufficient reason the membership of any of its members provided that the organisation or individual member shall have the right to be heard by the Management Committee before a decision is made.
7. SUBSCRIPTIONS All affiliated organisations and individual members shall pay such affiliation fees and/or subscriptions as the Management Committee may from time to time determine.

8. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Subject to the limitations set out in Clause 9 hereof, the policy and general management of the affairs of the Organisation shall be directed by a Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than six times a year. At its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall elect one of its members as Chairman.

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The Committee shall consist of:-

- (a) A Secretary and Treasurer elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Six persons appointed by the District Church Council of St. Aidan's Church, Brunton Park, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- (c) Five members nominated by the affiliated organisations elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Two additional members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Committee may co-opt further members who shall be members of the Organisation as defined in Clause 3 hereof provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed one quarter of the total numbers of the Committee. Such members shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting.

All retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment, re-election or co-option.

The Committee shall have power to appoint such sub-committees as it may from time to time decide and may determine their powers and terms of reference.

9. OFFICERS

DELETED 5.6.98 and subsequent Clauses re-numbered.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING One in each year in the month of June, the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Organisation for the purpose of:-
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- (i) Receiving the Annual Report of the Committee and the annual audited Statement of Accounts.
- (ii) Appointing a Secretary and Treasurer.
- (iii) Accepting resignations of members of the Committee.
- (iv) Electing in accordance with Clauses 8(c) and 8(d) representatives to serve on the Committee.
- (v) Appointing an Auditor or Auditors.
- (vi) Making recommendations to the Committee.
- (vii) Whenever necessary, voting on proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with Clause 16 hereof.

10. SPECIAL
GENERAL
MEETINGS

The Chairman of the Committee or the Secretary may at any time at their discretion, and shall within twenty-one days of receiving a written request so to do signed by not less than twenty members having the power to vote and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting of the Organisation for the purpose of altering the Constitution in accordance with Clause 17 hereof or of considering any matter which may be referred to them by the Committee or for any other purpose.

11. RULES OF
PROCEDURES
AT ALL MEETINGS

(a) VOTING: Subject to the provisions of Clause 16 hereof, all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present, excluding Junior Members. No member shall exercise more than one vote notwithstanding that he may have been appointed to represent two or more interests, but in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

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(b) QUORUM: One third of the members shall form a quorum at meetings of the Committee and all other committees. Twenty-five members shall form a quorum at General Meetings of the Organisation.

(c) MINUTES: Minute books shall be kept by the Organisation, the Management Committee and all other committees and the appropriate Secretary shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions.

12. STANDING
ORDERS AND
RULES FOR THE
USE OF THE
CENTRE

The Committee shall have the power to adopt and issue Standing Orders and/or Rules for the use of the Centre. Such Standing Orders and/or Rules shall come into operation immediately provided always that they shall be subject to review by the Committee and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

13. FINANCE

(a) All monies raised by or on behalf of the Organisation shall be applied to further the objects of the Organisation and for no other purpose.

(b) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Organisation.

(c) The accounts shall be audited at least once a year by a qualified auditor or auditors who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

(d) An audited statement of accounts for the last financial year shall be submitted by the Committee to the Annual General Meeting.

14. TRUST
PROPERTY

The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the purposes of the Organisation shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they hold the said property in Trust for the Organisation. The number of Trustees shall be not less than two, nor more than four.

15. DISSOLUTION

If the Committee by a simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Organisation, it shall call a meeting of all members of the Organisation who have the power to vote and of the inhabitants of the area of benefit of the age of eighteen years and upwards, and such representatives of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, being the grant aiding authority, as that Council may decide, of which meeting not less than twenty-one days (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed thereat) shall be posted in a conspicuous place or places in the area of benefit and advertised in a newspaper circulating in the area of benefit and given in writing to the Minister of Education and the Secretary of the National Federation of Community Associations. If such decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting, the Committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Organisation. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts, liabilities shall be applied towards charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit as the Committee may decide and as may be approved by the Minister of Education.

16. ALTERATIONS
TO THE
CONSTITUTION

Any proposal to alter this Constitution must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Organisation not less than 28 days before the date of the meeting at which it is first to be considered.

An alteration will require the approval of both:

- (a) a simple majority of members of the Committee present and voting at a Committee meeting.
- (b) a two-thirds majority of individual members and representatives of Constituent bodies and Sections of the Organisation present and voting at a General Meeting.

Notice of such meeting must have been given in accordance with normal procedure but not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting in question and giving wording of the proposed alteration.

No alteration to Clause 2 shall be made without the consent of the Minister of Education.

If Trustees have been appointed in accordance with Clause 14 hereof, an alteration shall not be made without the knowledge and consent of the Trustees, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld by them.

This Constitution was adopted as the Constitution of the St. Aidan's Community Centre Organisation at an Annual General Meeting duly convened at St. Aidan's Community Centre on 17th October 1986.

Signed	P Ellis	Chairman
	K W Page	Secretary

Dated 15th January 1987

This Constitution was amended, as indicated, in accordance with Clause 16 at the Annual General Meeting held on 5th June 1998.