

TANEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

TITLE

The name of the Association shall be Taney Area Residents' Association.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are:

- a) To protect, maintain and improve conditions and amenities in the area for the benefit of Ordinary Members and their families.
- b) To encourage community and social interaction for the benefit of Ordinary Members and their families.
- c) To improve communication between neighbours.

The Association shall be non-party-political and non-sectarian.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all residential householders in the area of Taney Avenue, Taney Crescent, Taney Grove, Taney Rise and Farmhill Park (see map attached, Appendix A) in Dublin 14. Any such householder, having paid their annual subscription, shall be deemed to be an Ordinary Member.

SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription shall be €20 per household, or such sum as shall be fixed from time to time at a General Meeting, and shall be due on the first day of March in each year and must be paid within 30 days. Membership period is from the 1st of March to last day of February each year, inclusive.

COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be composed of 7 members; 3 Officers (Chairperson, Hon-Secretary, Hon-Treasurer) and 4 Ordinary Members who should be broadly representative of the membership if possible.

All Committee Members shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), to be held before the end of March each year. In the event of a person leaving the designated area or resigning from the Committee, the remaining committee shall co-opt another member to fill the position until the AGM.

All Committee Members shall be paid up Ordinary Members of the Association.

An Officer shall not hold the same office for longer than 3 years. An Officer or Committee Member who absents him or herself from 3 consecutive meetings or committee meetings without valid excuse shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee. A person who holds any elective position in local or central government shall not be eligible for election to the Committee, and any Committee member wishing to contest such elections must first resign from the Committee.

Two Ordinary Members of the Association, not being related to any committee member, shall be appointed to review and assure the members of the accuracy and transparency of the accounts as presented

at the AGM.

MANAGEMENT

The general management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Committee, who shall perform all such acts, as may be deemed necessary or expedient to further the objects of the Association.

BANKING PROCEDURE

The Association shall have a banking account(s) into which all monies received shall be lodged. All disbursement of funds whether by cheque or electronic means shall be authorised by the Hon-Treasurer, as well as by the Chairperson or Hon-Secretary.

The accounts of the Association shall be reviewed for reporting purposes on the last day of February in each year or as agreed by the Committee but not longer than 14 months from the previous review of the Accounts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings shall be convened by the Hon-Secretary, who shall give due notice of dates and times of such meetings to each committee member.

Any 3 Committee Members, by giving 7 days written notice to the Hon-Secretary, may call a meeting.

Should the Chairperson not be present at a Committee Meeting then the Hon-Secretary shall be the Chairperson for such meeting. Should the Chairperson or Hon-Secretary not be present at a Committee Meeting then the Hon-Treasurer shall be the Chairperson for such meeting.

A quorum for committee meetings shall be 3 Committee Members, including at least one Officer. The Hon-Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings and records of attendance. This may be delegated to another Committee Member by the Chairperson, in the absence of the Hon-Secretary.

The Committee may co-opt up to five Ordinary Members to be members of a Subcommittee of the Committee, ensuring where possible the representative nature of the Committee.

All decisions of the Committee shall be ratified by a majority of the members present. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

The Committee shall have power to appoint collectors. Official collectors shall hold written authority from the Hon-Treasurer.

All Committee Members shall declare any conflict of interest or vested interest that may arise in relation to any matter put forward for discussion, for example, planning applications.

The duties of the Chairman, Hon-Secretary and Hon-Treasurer will be as outlined in Appendix B.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during the month of February each year. Notice, in writing, in soft or hard copy, must be given to every paid member at least 21 calendar days prior to the meeting.

All Ordinary Members of the Association may submit motions for discussion at the AGM. Such motions must be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

The Agenda shall be circulated 7 days prior to the meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

An EGM may be called by the Committee or by requisition signed by not less than 20 Ordinary Members of the Association, delivered to the Hon-Secretary, who in turn must call such a meeting within 14 days from the date of receipt of such valid requisition.

Only the business stated in the requisition may be debated at the EGM, and details of the said business should be included in the notice of meeting sent to all Ordinary Members.

VOTING RIGHTS AND QUORUM

A Quorum for an AGM or EGM shall be 30 members or 30% of the Ordinary Membership, whichever is the lower. If a Quorum is not reached, the meeting shall be re-convened and all members informed of the new date and venue at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Those present at a re-convened meeting shall constitute a Quorum.

At all General Meetings, each Ordinary Member will have one vote regardless of the number of residents from each household attending the meeting.

Voting at all General Meetings shall be by show of hands of Ordinary Members, except when a ballot is demanded, and a simple majority of Ordinary Members supports such demand. The Chairman shall appoint scrutineers if required to supervise the ballot.

DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved only by the vote of not less than 70% present at a EGM called for that purpose. An audited financial report shall be presented at such meeting. The dissolution will not be effected until assets are disposed of and liabilities discharged. In the event of insufficient funds to clear liabilities, the existing members shall contribute the deficiency, in equal shares.

INDEMNITY

All Officers of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association for any expenses incurred in executing their duties on behalf of, and on the direction of, the Committee of the Association.

ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

Membership of the Association shall imply the acceptance of each and all of these rules, and any additions and/or alterations, which may be agreed to at General Meetings.

INTERPRETATION

The Committee for the time being shall have full power to decide any question for which no provision is made for in these rules, and shall be responsible for proposing the appropriate amendment at the earliest possible time.

AMENDMENT OF RULES

These rules shall not be amended, added to, or otherwise altered in any way, save with the consent of at least 50% plus one, of the members present and qualified to vote at the AGM or EGM called for that purpose in accordance with these rules.

Approved at the inaugural meeting of Taney Area Residents' Association on Monday 19th February 2018

APPENDIX A - MAP OF REPRESENTED AREA

Taney Neighbourhood



APPENDIX B - DUTIES OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chairperson:

- a) To chair all meetings including the AGM until a new Committee have been elected
- b) To prepare agendas for meetings (in consultation with the Hon-Secretary)
- c) To represent the interests of the Association at a local level.

Hon-Secretary:

- a) To convene meetings
- b) To deal with all correspondence
- c) To prepare agendas for meetings
- d) To carry out Committee's instructions and write necessary letters
- e) To write an Annual Report.

Hon-Treasurer:

- a) To provide evidence on an open book basis at the AGM and on the website as to the financial state of affairs of the association.
If a member wishes to request an audit to be carried out he or she is entitled to put forward a motion at the AGM to that effect. This is subject to annual agreement by the members at AGM.
- b) To provide a financial statement to the AGM
- c) To ensure a proper banking account is in force on behalf of the Taney Area Residents' Association with three (3) account signatures: two (2) to sign cheques and authorise fund transfers at all times.

Committee Elected - 19th February 2018

Chairperson: Kate Thornhill, Taney Crescent

Hon Secretary: Andrew Clinch, Taney Crescent

Hon Treasurer: Claire White, Taney Crescent

Ordinary Committee Members:

Nina Ward, Taney Rise

Ian Geoffroy, Taney Grove

Michael Clancy, Farmhill Park

Tara Ghalaieny, Taney Avenue