



HOCKLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

RULES

1. The Association shall be known as 'Hockley Residents Association' (herein after called HRA) and its aims are to further the interests of the residents of Hockley.
2. Membership shall be open to any person of eighteen years and above and residing in the electoral parish of Hockley. Membership for residents outside the parish can be granted at the discretion of the Committee.
3. The governing body of the BRA shall consist of a committee of eight officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Secretary, Newsletter Coordinator, Membership Secretary, Minutes Secretary and eight other members. A quorum shall be a minimum of five people, three of whom must be officers. All councillors representing the HRA have the right to attend Committee meetings and to vote on any matter, providing a quorum pre-exists. They may also stand for all positions of the committee.
4. Each year half of the elected committee members shall resign but will be eligible for immediate re-election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). No officer or member may stand for more than two years without offering him/herself for re-election.
5. Provided a quorum pre-exists, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt in the event of unfilled positions or resignations.
6. Annual membership and life membership fees shall be set and varied only by the Committee. Reduced rates may be offered for members over the age of 60. Subscription period to run for the period 1st October to 30 September. Any member having paid a subscription before the 30 September has a right to vote at the AGM and to stand for election to any position on the Committee.
7. The AGM, of which not less than seven days notice shall be given, is to be held before the end of November of the same year.
8. Accounts will be made up to 30 September for presentation at the AGM. The Committee shall be responsible for appointing an independent Auditor and for ensuring the accounts are audited within 3 months of the year end.
9. The Committee will arrange for a Bank account to be opened and may place funds with any other reputable financial institution. Cheques and other similar instruments may be signed by any two of the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Social Secretary.
10. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by Committee or by a written resolution signed by not less than 25 members and stating the agenda. The Secretary shall call this meeting within 14 days of receipt.
11. No addition or alteration may be made to these rules except by a resolution carried at a general meeting by two thirds of those voting, and at least 21 days notice shall have been given in writing to the Secretary who shall embody the proposals in the notice of the meeting.
12. The Committee may at its discretion replace any officer or committee member not attending three consecutive Meetings of Committee.
13. The HRA shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its Members excepting small tokens of appreciation upon illness or retirement etc.
14. No member be allowed to stand for local elections unless they are, or have been, serving and attending regularly over a period of not normally less than one year. Elected representatives are expected to try and continue active membership and attendance at committee meetings.
15. In order to preserve the HRA's neutrality, any person standing for the HRA should not normally have actively represented any other political organisation within the previous two years.
16. Prior to an election, a sub-committee of not less than 3 officers shall be formed. The sub-committee will assess potential candidates and make recommendations to the full committee. No individual Officer of the Association shall have power to sanction anyone to stand for local election.
17. Candidates for local elections may express a preference for the ward he/she wishes to represent.
18. An elected representative of the Association should not actively support or work for another political party.
19. The main committee will have power to veto the selection of any candidate and/or to expel/deselect any elected representative for not following the spirit of the Association.