Dean Village Association

Constitution - August 2020

1. The name of the Association shall be the DEAN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION.

2. The objects of the Association shall be

- The maintenance and improvement of the amenity of the Dean Conservation Area, its environs and other matters affecting residents.
- The protection and preservation of its landscape and historical and architectural heritage.
- The promotion of the community interests of its residents.

and in furtherance of these subjects

- To consult with the city authorities and other organisations on matters connected with the Dean Village.
- To encourage and stimulate active public and private interest in the area.
- To raise, hold or contribute to funds which may be used or directed towards the objects or the Association.

3. Membership shall be open to all persons in sympathy with the aims of the Association, on payment of such subscription as may be fixed at each Annual General Meeting. Honorary Patrons may be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

4. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee which shall comprise the office-bearers and not more than ten ordinary members.

   The office-bearers shall comprise a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. Both they and the ordinary committee members shall be elected annually. The committee may co-opt office bearers and committee members as appropriate to ensure the smooth running of the Association.

   The Committee shall have power from time to time to confer on any sub-committee of their own body or otherwise such power of arranging and transacting business and of entering into contracts on behalf of the Association as the Committee shall think fit.

5. The general meeting of the Association shall normally be held annually in April or May for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Committee and of electing the Committee for the year following. Alternative arrangements (such a change to the date or another method of consulting members) may be approved by the committee under exceptional circumstances such as to comply with any governmental emergency guidelines.

   Other meetings of the Association shall be arranged in furtherance of its objects at the discretion of the Committee.

   The Committee shall meet periodically for the consideration of the Association’s business. The Committee meetings may be held using video facilities or face to face as agreed. Matters requiring immediate and urgent attention may be dealt with by the secretary and two committee members, or by the chairman and two committee members.
6. The Committee shall have the power to lease or to purchase or otherwise acquire for the furtherance of the objects of the Association any lands or other heritable property and to erect or construct any buildings and to borrow any sum of money upon any mortgage over any property of the Association or upon any other security upon such terms that they think fit and they shall have full power with regard to the management, administration and realisation of such property. Any heritable property belonging to the Association shall be vested in the name of the office-bearers for the time of the Association and their successors in their respective offices as Trustees for behoof of the Association.

7. This constitution may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association present at the Annual General Meeting, fourteen days notice having been given to all members.

Appendix:

The Dean Conservation Area extends

- from the Dean Bridge to the west boundary of St George’s School.
- The boundary to the north follows Ravelston Terrace and Ravelston Dykes and a small part of Queensferry Road between Stewarts Melville College and Dean Path.
- To the south, the boundary follows Belford Road to Belford Bridge, the western boundary of the Gallery of Modern Art and the south boundary of St George’s School.

As defined in the Dean Conservation Area Character Appraisal 2004.

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