

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY GREENGROCER STEERING GROUP CONSTITUTION

Name

The name of the organisation shall be Portobello Community Greengrocer Steering Group (referred to hereinafter as the organisation)

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the organisation shall be to establish a co-operative greengrocer business for the benefit of the community in Portobello, Joppa and the surrounding area, and to provide a forum for all those who wish to engage with that process.

Powers

The powers of the organisation shall be

- To take all necessary steps towards the creation of a co-operative greengrocer business as set out above, including the development of a business plan.
- To liaise with relevant organisations such as growers and suppliers.
- To raise funding.
- To convene meetings and other events.
- To engage with appropriate support agencies
- To identify potential properties to carry out the business.

Membership

Membership will be open to anyone (regardless of race, gender, nationality, religion, background, disability or sexual persuasion) who has an interest in proposed business, and who wishes to actively participate in the organisation and promote its aims and objectives.

Membership can be obtained through filling in an application form.

Officers

The organisation will appoint the following three office bearers:

A Chairperson

A Treasurer

A Secretary

Meetings

Meetings will be convened as and when required. At least 48 hours notice shall be given of any meeting. The quorum (that is the least number of members present that can deal with the business) shall be four members, with two of these being office bearers.

The Treasurer will present a financial report at meetings showing where and when money has been spent, raised, etc. and the resulting balance.

The aim is to reach decisions by consensus, but in the event of a vote being necessary then each member of the steering group will have one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson will have a casting vote.

Finance

Two authorised signatories for the organisation's bank account will be required and the signatories will not be related.

Alterations to the constitution

Alterations to this constitution can be made at any duly convened meeting if supported in a vote of members by two-thirds of those present.

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the organisation, supported in a vote by at least two-thirds of those members present at a special meeting called for this purpose, any remaining funds will be given to an organisation with similar aims.

Signed by Date

Position in group.....

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