

CONSTITUTION OF THE DOLPHIN SANDS RATE-PAYERS ASSOCIATION

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be **THE DOLPHIN SANDS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION** (hereafter called "The Association")

2. TERRITORY

The Territory of the Association shall confine its interests to that known as the **DOLPHIN SANDS SUBDIVISION** and the **OYSTER BAY SUBDIVISION**. Notwithstanding the above Association may consider other matters relevant to its interests.

3. OFFICE

The Office of the Association shall be at the Address of the Honorary Secretary from time to time and the Postal address will be maintained at the Swansea Post Office at the Cost of the Association.

4. OBJECTS AND PURPOSE

The objects and purposes of the Association shall be:

- a. To establish a non-political and non-sectarian Ratepayers Association to provide a forum for its members.
- b. To promote and develop civic pride in the Territory
- c. To use the Association's best endeavours to safe guard the interests of Ratepayers within the Territory.
- d. To promote acceptable development in the Territory.
- e. To take such action in respect of all the foregoing objects and purpose as shall be resolved by the Association.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association shall be restricted to:

- a. Residents of the defined Territory.
- b. Persons who pay rates in respect of property situated in the Territory and spouses/partners of such persons.
- c. Persons not included in either (a) or (b) above but have interests in the Territory and have the approval of the Association.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription shall be as defined by the Association at its Annual Meeting and shall be due on the first day of January each year. A member shall be deemed to be un-financial should his/her subscription be not paid by the 30th June following.

Financial members may only vote at meetings and may only be eligible to be elected to any office of the Association and further, if any elected Office Bearer becomes un-financial he/she must be immediately replaced on the Committee.

7. OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers of the Association shall be:

- a. President
- b. Immediate Past president
- c. Vice President
- d. Secretary/Treasurer
- e. Two elected Committee members
- f. A representative of Neighbourhood Watch
- g. A representative of Community Fire Guard

Nomination for each vacant position shall be made on the form required, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder and lodged with the Secretary (7) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Any nomination of un-financial members will not be accepted.

At the 1998 Annual General Meeting the positions of President and one Committee member shall become vacant with an election to be held. The holder of these positions shall be elected for a period of two years. At the 1999 Annual General Meeting the positions of Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and one Committee member shall become vacant and an election will be held to fill these positions. The holder of these positions shall be elected for a period of two years. Election will therefore be held on each position every two years. The Committee has the power to co-opt any person it sees fit.

8. MEETINGS

Because of the nature of the Association meetings shall be at the "call of the President", nevertheless, a meeting shall be called at the earliest convenient time following receipt by the Secretary of a request for a meeting signed by at least three members. The Annual General Meeting may be held shortly before, December 31 and not later than the Easter period following.

9. MEETING PRODECURE

a. General Meetings

1. Seven members present shall constitute a quorum.
2. The Chairman shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote.
3. Proxies shall be limited to two per family where more than one person in the group are members, otherwise proxies shall be limited to one per person.
4. The rules of procedure shall be decided by each meeting.
5. Only current financial members may vote on any matter, but any interested party may talk on any matter with the approval of the Chairman of the Meeting.

b. Committee meetings

1. The President and the Secretary/Treasurer are hereby given power to run the day to day matters of the Association.
2. Where a full Committee meeting is called a quorum shall consist of 50% of those elected.
3. At all Committee meetings either the President or the Secretary/Treasurer must be in attendance.

10. AUDITOR AND FINANCIAL YEAR

An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting each year. The financial year of the Association shall be January 1 to December 31.

11. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any dully called meeting of the Association provided that Notice of motion of such intention has been given at the preceding General Meeting and that members will have been notified in writing of that intention at least seven days prior to that duly called meeting to look at the amendment. No amendment shall be made to this constitution except by two-thirds majority vote of members present in person or by proxy.

12. DISSOLUTION

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 (a) at any duly called General meeting at which not less than a quarter of the then financial members of the Association are present in person or by proxy, the Association may be dissolved and its affairs wound up following a resolution to that effect by not less than two-thirds of the members present or by proxy.

(11) If the Association is wound up -

(a) every member of the Association; and

(b) every person who, within the period of 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding up, was a member of the Association -

is liable to contribute -

(c) to the assets of the Association for payment of the debts or liabilities of the Association; and

(d) for the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up; and

(e) for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

(12) Any liability under subrule (11) is not to exceed \$5-00 (annual subscription per person).
