



CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Group shall be “Silver City Surfers”, hereafter referred to as the “Group”.

2. Purposes

The purposes of the group shall be the prevention of poverty and social isolation through the advancement of education in the field of technology and the advancement of citizenship and community development for the benefit of older people (age of 55 and over) in the City of Aberdeen and in the North-East of Scotland. In furtherance of this the group will aim;

- To provide opportunities for older people to try out technologies by making facilities available which are user-friendly
- To ensure that older people have access to learning opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills.
- To ensure that older people do not become isolated through lack of knowledge and understanding of technology.
- To work in partnership with other organisations to achieve these purposes.

3. Powers

In furtherance of the above objects, the Group may

- Raise funds in a legal manner
- Borrow money and provide as security any property held in trust on behalf of the Group
- Rent buildings or land
- Employ staff
- Take out insurance cover

4. Membership

Membership shall be open to all older people (age of 55 and over), resident in the City of Aberdeen and in the North-East of Scotland who share the aims of the Group.

5. Management Committee

A committee comprising not less than three and not more than nine members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, in addition to the three officers.

A Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the first meeting of the committee following the Annual General Meeting.

Not less than a third of committee members shall form a quorum.

The committee acting reasonably shall determine the frequency of committee meetings. Dates for general meetings will be agreed at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

The committee acting reasonably may determine the level of subscriptions and other fees payable by members.

6. Meetings

Annual General

The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 30 September each year at which the committee will report on the preceding year's work, present the accounts and appoint auditors or examiners and approve the minutes of the previous years AGM.

Not less than 21 days notice of the AGM will be given to members, such notice may be by post or by email.

The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 20% of the total membership or eight, whichever is the smaller number.

The Annual General Meeting shall elect the new committee, vote on recommendations and any amendments to the constitution.

Nominations for election of the committee shall be received by the Secretary no later than the day of the AGM, and will require a proposer and seconder.

Motions for the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than 14 days before the AGM.

Any such motions shall be intimated to members.

Amendments to such motions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no less than seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Each member shall have one vote.

In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Any changes to the constitution must be approved by not less than two thirds of the members attending the AGM.

A minute of the Annual General Meeting and of each committee meeting shall be prepared and be available for inspection by any member at the following Annual General Meeting.

General Meeting

General meetings will be held as agreed at the first committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting. Members will be entitled to attend these meetings but only committee members will have a vote. On occasion it may be necessary to consider some items in confidence.

An agenda and information related to items will be sent to committee members at least seven days prior to the meeting. Committee members should contact the Secretary at least 10 working days prior to the meeting with agenda items.

Minutes of all meetings will be taken. These will be circulated to committee members within 10 working days of the meeting. Members will be entitled to request copies of minutes and agendas.

Special General Meetings can be called if at least eight of the membership makes this request, in writing to the Secretary. These will have only one item on the agenda. The agenda and notice of the meeting will be sent to all members at least 10 working days prior to the meeting date.

7. Finance

The Treasurer will open a bank account in the name of the Group. The account will have at least three signatories nominated by the committee and cheques must be signed by two of these signatories.

The Treasurer will report on the financial position of the group at every meeting. The Treasurer shall keep accounts and present them annually at the Annual General Meeting for inspection.

All monies received shall be devoted to the aims of the Group.

8. Interpretation

For the purpose of this constitution,

- (a) The expression “charity” shall mean a body which is either a “Scottish charity” within the meaning of Section 13 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or a “charity” within the meaning of Section 96 of the Charities Act 1993.
- (b) The expression “charitable purpose” shall mean a charitable purpose under Section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 which is also regarded as a charitable purpose in relation to the applications of Sections 505 and 506 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

- (c) Any reference in this constitution to a provision of any legislation shall include any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision in force from time to time.

9. Dissolution

Dissolution of the Group will take place only at a Special General Meeting and only if agreed by the majority of the membership present at the meeting.

Funds and possessions shall be dispersed only to organisations sharing similar aims to the Group or to a local charity, according to the wishes of the meeting.

9. Adoption

This constitution was adopted by the Group on: Date: 3 November 2010

Name of Chairperson Margaret Smith

Signed by Chairperson_____