



Constitution

1. Name

The name of the Group shall be “Aberdeen In Recovery”, hereafter referred to as the “Group”.

2. Aims & Objects

The group’s objects are:

The relief of the needs of those in recovery from addiction and their friends and families and in furtherance of this by;

- i) Promoting the availability of supportive services of all kinds
- ii) Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve the purposes

3. Membership

Membership shall be open to any persons who share the aims of the Group and are acceptable to the management committee.

Persons wishing to join the group shall complete an application form and this application will be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

The committee retains a discretion to refuse applications for membership.

The committee retain the right to suspend membership from individuals for good and proper reasons until a special general meeting of members can decide by majority vote on a proposal to expel the person from membership.

4. Management Committee

A committee comprising not less than four or more than twelve members of the group shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

A member may not be appointed or elected to the management committee until they have been members for six months.

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

Not less than three committee members shall form a quorum.

The committee shall determine the frequency of committee meetings.

The committee shall determine the level of subscriptions and other fees payable by members.

There is an expectation on committee members to be in recovery.

There is an absolute discretion on the committee members to remove one or more of their numbers at any time by majority vote.

5. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in each calendar year at which the committee will report on the preceding year's work, present the accounts and appoint auditors or examiners.

The quorum for an annual general meeting shall be 10% of the actual number of members or four whichever number is the higher.

Committee members shall be appointed for three years and one third shall stand down annually but shall be eligible for re-election. At the first annual general meeting the committee members to stand down shall be decided by some random method, thereafter, by length of service.

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

Nominations for the committee shall be received by the Secretary no later than the day of the AGM.

Motions for the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than fourteen 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.

The Chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

Any changes to the constitution must be approved by two thirds of the membership.

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 Annual General Meeting.

6. Finance

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

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.

7. Dissolution

Dissolution of the Group will take place only at a Special General Meeting and only if agreed by 75% of the membership, present or not.

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.

8. Adoption

This constitution was adopted by the Group on: Date: _____

Signed by Chairperson_____