

Leitrim Residents' Associations Network

Mission Statement

Leitrim Residents Associations Network exists to provide support, and advice, and represent all residents associations proactively with all relevant agencies, and negotiate with them for the betterment of our community”

Constitution

1. Title

The name of the Association shall be Leitrim Residents Associations Network

Objectives

The **objectives** of the Association are to coordinate meetings of residents associations of local authority housing estates to facilitate sharing of information, to provide representation and to lobby on common issues.

2. Membership

Membership is open to residents, and Residents' Associations representing Local Authority Housing Estates in Leitrim. **Any resident of a rural household may affiliate to the nearest active local Residents' Association who are member of the Leitrim Residents' Associations Network.**

3. Committee

The Committee shall be comprised of representatives of all residents and Resident's Associations affiliated to the Network and they shall elect officers each year at the Annual General meeting. In the event of a person leaving the area or resigning from the Committee, the remaining committee shall co-opt another members to fill the position.

An officer shall not hold the same office for longer than 3 years

An officer or committee member, who absents him or herself from 5 consecutive meetings or committee without valid excuse, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.

A person who holds any elective position in local central government shall not be eligible for election to the committee and any committee member wishing to contest such elections must first resign from the committee.

4. Management

The general management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the committee who shall perform all such acts as may be deemed necessary or expedient to further the **objectives** of the Association

5. Banking Procedure

The Association shall have a bank or credit union account into which all monies received shall be lodged. Cheques shall be signed by at least two members of the committee.

6. Committee Meetings

All meetings shall be convened by the secretary who shall give due notice of dates and times of such meetings to each member.

A quorum for committee meetings shall be 4 members including at least one officer. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings and record of attendance.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Association shall be held each year. Notice must be given to every member at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

All members of the Association may submit motions for discussions at the AGM. Such motions must be received by the Secretary not later than 7 days prior to the meeting.

8. Special General Meetings

A Special General meeting may be called by the committee or by requisition signed by not less than 3 ordinary members of the Association, delivered to the Secretary who in turn must call such a meeting within 14 days from the date or receipt of such requisition. Only the business stated in the requisition may be debated at the Special General meeting and details of the said business should be included in notice of the meeting sent to all members.

9. Voting Rights and Quorum

A quorum for an Annual or Special General meeting shall be 4 members. If a quorum is not reached, the meeting shall be reconvened and all members informed of a new date and venue. Those present at a re-convened meeting shall constitute a quorum. At the General meetings, each member shall have one vote only.

Voting at all general meetings shall be by show of hands except when a ballot is demanded and such demand is supported by a simple majority

10. Dissolution.

The Association may be dissolved by the vote of not less than two thirds present at a Special General meeting called for that purpose. A financial report will be presented at such a meeting.

11. Indemnity

All members of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association for any expenses incurred in executing their duties on behalf of and on the direction of, the committee of the Association.

12. Acceptance of Rules

Membership of the Association shall imply the acceptance of each and all these rules and any additions and or alterations which may be agreed to at General meetings.

13. Interpretation

The Committee for the time being shall have full power to decide any questions for which no provision is made for in these rules, and shall be responsible for proposing the appropriate amendment at the earliest possible time.

14. Amendment of Rules

These rules shall not be amended, added to or otherwise altered in any way, save with the consent of at least two thirds of the members present and qualified to vote at the Annual General meeting or special General Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with these rules.

15. The Association shall be non party political and non sectarian and any member who does not comply with this rule shall be removed from the committee immediately.