

SILLOTH TOURISM ACTION GROUP

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The title of the Group shall be "Silloth Tourism Action Group"

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the group will be the promotion and regeneration of tourism in Silloth.

3. CONDITIONS

The Group shall be non-political.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all members of the community in Silloth and its environs.

5. MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Group shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the following.

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary

who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

In all cases, nominations shall require a proposer and seconder together with the consent of the nominee.

Meetings shall be as and when required.

6. CO-OPTIONS

The Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members of the Group as and when it may seem desirable. The length of the period of co-option shall be determined by the Management Committee but in any event shall terminate at the following Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings shall be held on the last Tuesday of the month, with the added proviso that a forthcoming meeting may be cancelled at the preceding one if thought desirable. Conversely additional meetings shall be convened by the Chairman if he deems it necessary. These meetings shall be open for attendance by any Member, or at the invitation of the Committee.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

8. SUB-COMMITTEES

Members attending General Meetings shall have the power to appoint such Sub-Committees as may seem necessary and shall prescribe the function of all Sub-Committees. All such Sub-Committees shall report back fully and promptly to the next General Meeting.

Sub-Committees shall have power to appoint any person, not necessarily a member of the Group, to serve on the Sub-Committee for a specified period.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last Tuesday in May each year.

10. A.G.M. PROCEDURE

Five members shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting. Except as is provided by Rule 12, all decisions of the Annual General Meeting shall be by simple majority.

11. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened only at the written request to the Chairman of at least ten members of the Group or the Management Committee. The request shall state the nature of the business to be transacted and the meeting shall be restricted to the business stated. At least fourteen days notice shall be given and the meeting shall be held within thirty days of the receipt of the request.

In addition, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened, if decided so at the Annual General Meeting, or at a previous Extraordinary General Meeting.

12. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

No alteration of the rules of the Group may be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for this purpose and attended by at least five members. Any motion proposing a change to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of members present.

13. FUNDS

a. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the income and expenditure and shall submit accounts, duly audited at the Annual General Meeting. The Banking Account shall be in the name of the Group and withdrawals shall be made in the name of the Group on the signature of any two of the following:-

The Chairperson	The Vice Chairperson
The Secretary	The Treasurer

b. The Financial Year shall be from 1 April to 31 March.

c. Auditors shall be appointed annually by the Management Committee to audit the accounts and books of the Group. Such persons shall not be members of the Management Committee.

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14. DISSOLUTION

Any assets remaining on dissolution of the Group after satisfying any outstanding Debts and Liabilities shall not be distributed among the Members of the Group but shall be divided equally between the Regeneration Partnership and the Town Council, thereby ensuring that the people of Silloth are the beneficiaries.

15. OTHER MATTERS

Any matter not provided for in the Constitution which comes within the jurisdiction of the Group shall be dealt with by the Management Committee whose decision is final.
