

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE WAENHUISKRANS/ARNISTON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**

### **1. Name**

The name of the association shall be the “Waenhuiskrans/Arniston Conservation Association”, hereafter referred to as the “Association”.

### **2. Objectives**

The objective of the Association is to conserve both the natural environment and the cultural landscape of Waenhuiskrans/Arniston and its adjacent areas.

This includes:

- 2.1. The conservation of the archaeological, historical and community heritage.
- 2.2. The preservation of the unique nature and character of the town and its environment.
- 2.3. Insistence on town and regional planning of the highest quality to ensure controlled development, for the well-being of all temporary and permanent residents.
- 2.4. The promotion of development that is ecologically, aesthetically and historically sensitive, to coexist in harmony with the natural and historical character of the town.
- 2.5. Insistence on planning that promotes sustainable development and diversity of ownership in tourism trade.
- 2.6. Co-operation with other bodies with similar objectives.

### **3. Membership**

Membership is open to anyone that supports the objectives of the Association and who is accepted as a bona fide member by the Managing Committee. The Association has different membership categories and may create additional categories at their discretion. Membership fees may be levied by the Managing Committee at their discretion. Subject to the approval of the Managing Committee and on completion of an application form as approved by the Managing Committee from time to time, members shall be admitted in a certain membership

category. At their discretion, the Managing Committee of the Association may also, on a majority decision, terminate the membership of any member, should the Managing Committee consider this in the interest of the Association.

The specific categories of membership and conditions are:

3.1. Ordinary members

Ordinary members get one vote at every meeting of the Association.

3.2. Trustees

Trustees are any persons, businesses or organisations that promote the interests of the Association by providing funds on a basis as decided by the Managing Committee. A trustee may nominate one representative to attend relevant meetings and vote thereat.

3.3. Honorary members

Honorary members are persons that have helped in a particular way to promote the objectives of the Association or similar objectives and whom the Association would like to honour. Honorary members do not have the right to vote.

3.4. Patrons

A patron shall be someone that promotes the objectives of the Association by making his or her name or office at the Association's disposal. Patrons shall enjoy all the benefits of ordinary members.

4. **Managing Committee**

All the members of the Association who are entitled to vote elect a committee of at least four and at most twelve members at an annual general meeting. A member of the Managing Committee is elected for a term of four years. The Managing Committee has the full power to act on behalf of the Association in all respects, subject to the Constitution. Without limiting the general scope of authority in any way, this includes the following powers:

4.1. Acquisition of goods and chattels for the Association.

4.2. Receipt of donations to promote the objectives of the Association.

- 4.3. Appointment and compensation of temporary employees.
- 4.4. Appointment of subcommittees with specific powers.
- 4.5. Co-option of people with specialised knowledge as advisors.
- 4.6. Appointment of acting members for any incidental vacancies that may arise in the Managing Committee.
- 4.7. The institution, conducting, defence or withdrawal of lawsuits for or against the Association.
- 4.8. The levying of membership fees where and when the Managing Committee consider it necessary.

**5. Chairperson**

- 5.1. The Managing Committee shall vote on an annual basis for a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- 5.2. The Chairperson shall take the chairperson's chair at all meetings of the Association and in his or her absence the Vice-Chairperson. Apart from his or her ordinary vote, the Chairperson shall also have the casting vote.

**6. Decisions**

Unless otherwise stated, all decisions of the Managing Committee and the General Assembly shall be ratified by an ordinary majority of votes, excepting amendments to the Constitution.

**7. General**

**7.1. Changes to the Constitution**

- 7.1.1. Regulations of this Constitution may be amended or changed at a General Meeting by a majority of two thirds of the enfranchised members present. Notice of proposed amendments or changes must be handed in at the Secretary in writing at least twenty-one days before any General Meeting and must be signed by at least four enfranchised members. The proposed amendments or changes must be expounded to the General Assembly in full on the agenda.

7.1.2. By joining the Association, every member acknowledges that he or she accepts the Constitution and undertakes to keep to it and to all amendments or changes that may be introduced from time to time.

7.2. Disclaimer

The members of the Managing Committee will be indemnified against lawsuits, charges, losses, damages and expenses that they or any of them have caused as a result of omission or negligence in the administration of their duties, except those that were caused by wilful or malicious omission or negligence.

7.3. Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved by a decision of at least two thirds of enfranchised members present at a special general meeting. At the dissolution a special General Assembly shall decide on the application of funds and goods and chattels, if any, at the Association's disposal.

7.4. Interpretation

Should there be any doubts about the meaning or interpretation of the regulations in this Constitution, the interpretation of the Managing Committee will be final and binding.

7.5. Liability

No member of the Association shall be independently or separately liable for any liabilities or debts of the Association which in any way exceeds his/her liability to the Association to pay membership or outstanding membership fees.

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