

CRANTON NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

CONSTITUTION

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| Name | 1. The name is 'Cranton Neighbourhood Network' |
| Area of Benefit | 2. Cranton and surrounding areas. |
| Objectives | 3. The objects of Cranton Neighbourhood Network are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To form a partnership comprising of representatives from all sectors of the community who have an interest in and commitment to the area of benefit.• To work for the good of residents, organisations, businesses and schools in the area of benefit without distinction of race, gender, religion, sexuality, disability or political beliefs.• To promote, within Cranton and the surrounding area, health projects, advancement of education and culture, environmental protection and development and new projects with the object of improving the quality of life of the residents. In all using environmentally beneficial recycling practices. |
| Powers | 4. The Neighbourhood Network shall compliment and support the objectives and goals of other community/statutory groups within the area of benefit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing a further opportunity for open communication, consultation and information sharing relating to the communities/area of benefit.• Working with and in partnership with other agencies and organisations in this area, recognising the value, role and good work of above• Sharing information with and passing on information from other agencies and organisations in the area.• Developing, in conjunction with partner agencies, a community action plan to deal with issues identified locally as being of importance and being of benefit to Cranton.• Providing representation at the partnership engagement team meetings.• Raising funds and inviting or receiving donations and contributions whether by subscription or otherwise, provided that the network shall |

not undertake or in any way engage in any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its objects.

- The Neighbourhood Network may affiliate to organisations that have similar purposes and values.
- The Neighbourhood Network may lease, rent or hold property and employ staff in pursuit of its purpose and aims. It may pay reasonable expenses to members undertaking work on its behalf, but beyond this no member shall receive any direct financial benefit from membership.
- To do all such lawful things as are conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects.

Membership

5. Membership shall be open to anyone living, working or with an interest in the area of benefit, who supports the objects and aims of the Neighbourhood Network.

Each individual member shall have one vote on any issue requiring a vote.

Groups and organisations that support the aims and values of the Neighbourhood Network may join.

In such cases the group or organisation shall have one vote.

The Local Authority and other statutory organisations may be invited to appoint a representative to become a co-opted member of the management committee.

Resignation

6. Any member may terminate his or her membership at any time by notice in writing to the Secretary.

Management

7. The Management Committee is delegated to deal with the day-to-day business of the Neighbourhood Network.

The management of the Neighbourhood Network shall be vested in a Management Committee consisting of the Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and not more than five other members. Four members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be held at least four times a year.

Election of officers and Management Committee

8. The Neighbourhood Network shall initially and at every annual general meeting elect a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, together with five other members. This will constitute the Management Committee for the ensuing year.

The members of the Management Committee shall take office at the end of the meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. All members of the Management Committee may be re-elected for a further term of office. The current Chair for the Management Committee shall also be the Chair of the Annual General Meeting.

Voting 9 Where necessary decisions shall be made through a simple majority vote of those present.

In any tied vote the Chair shall have the deciding vote.

Finance 10 The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all monies received and expended on account of the group and shall present such accounts at the annual general meeting of the group.

A banking, building society or similar account shall be opened on behalf of the group and all cheques and monies drawn upon the said account shall require the signature of two out of the three signatories required one who must be the treasurer, none of whom may be related.

Accounts of all funds held on behalf of the group shall be prepared annually and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Notes/minutes of meetings 11. The Secretary shall keep a record of business discussed and decisions made at each meeting, and shall make this available to members at or before the next meeting.

Annual General Meeting 12. The financial year of the Group shall end on 31 March each year and a general meeting of members shall be convened by the Secretary as soon thereafter as possible, and in any case within three months, for the purpose of receiving the annual report and balance sheet, for electing the officers and members of the Management Committee for the ensuing year and to consider any other business as may be necessary.

Fourteen days notice of such meeting shall be sent to all members. Ten members present in person shall constitute a quorum at the annual general meeting. In the event of a quorum not being present, the meeting shall be adjourned to such place, date and time within the ensuing fourteen days as the Chair shall decide, and the members present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Extraordinary General Meetings 13. An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time by a resolution of the Management Committee or on the requisition of at least

ten members of the group.

The Secretary shall hold a meeting held on such requisition within twenty-one days of the receipt of such requisition and the Secretary shall give to the other members of the Neighbourhood Network fourteen days notice of such meeting.

A quorum shall be the same as a quorum at the Annual General Meeting.

Dissolution

14. If the Neighbourhood Network by a simple majority decide at any time that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Group it shall call a meeting of all representative members of the Group who have the power to vote. Notification of the meeting will be given at least 21 days in advance.

If such decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meetings, the committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held in the name of the Neighbourhood Network.

Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be applied towards such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit as the Network decides.

Amendment of Constitution

15. The Neighbourhood Network in general meeting by resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of those present and voting may amend this constitution save that there shall be no power to amend clauses 3 or 4 or this clause.

This Constitution was adopted at the Inaugural AGM of Cronton Neighbourhood Network held on 11th January 2011.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed: _____
Vice-Chairman