

Rathcoole Tidy Towns

RATHCOOLE TIDY TOWN COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION

Title: The name of the group shall be Rathcoole Tidy Towns Committee, this committee is a subcommittee of the Rathcoole Community Council. It shall be non-political, non-sectarian, and will not discriminate on grounds of religion, gender or race.

Aims: The enhancement of the physical and social environment of Rathcoole Town and surrounding areas, with particular reference to:

- (a) The general improvement, enrichment and development of the environment.
- (b) The development of community spirit and pride.
- (c) The promotion of an atmosphere of good neighbourliness.
- (d) The encouragement of greater interaction among local people.
- (e) Enhancement of the appearance and ecology of Rathcoole and surroundings.
- (f) The development of whatever facilities are deemed necessary to cater for young and old.

Membership: Membership of the Association shall be open to residents living, or proprietors of businesses based, within 2 kilometres approximately of Rathcoole Town centre. There shall be no membership fee.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of Rathcoole Tidy Town Committee shall be held each year in October-November. Notice of meeting shall be conveyed to members of the Association at least 5 days beforehand.

Only residents over 16 years of age shall be entitled to vote or be appointed to office. The following business shall be transacted at the A.G.M.

- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- Annual report submitted by the Secretary
- Financial Report submitted by the Treasurer
- Election of Officers and Executive Committee
- General business.

Executive Committee: The affairs of the Tidy Towns committee shall be managed by a Committee whose members are elected at the A.G.M. or nominated by Rathcoole Community Council. It shall consist of at least of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, together with at least 6 other members, the Chairman and 4 other members must also be members of Rathcoole Community council.

It will be a desirable aim to have an even male/female mix and a mixed age profile.

The Committee shall hold office for a period of one year or until the following A.G.M.

whichever is sooner.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than 3 other members and to fill vacancies.

The Committee may appoint sub-committees for specific purposes. Sub-committees may include members not on the Executive Committee and they shall report their deliberations to the parent body for final sanction.

The Executive Committee shall convene bimonthly or more often if deemed necessary by the Chairman.

The quorum for meetings shall be 6.

The Chairman shall preside over all meetings. In his absence, those in attendance shall nominate a chairman for the meeting.

The Committee may replace a member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings without valid reason.

No decision of a Committee Meeting may be reversed except with the consent of 2/3 of those present and entitled to vote.

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall collectively act on behalf of the Committee between meetings, subject to later ratification by the Executive Committee.

Special General Meeting : The Executive Committee may at any time summon a Public or Special General Meeting of the Association, provided the procedures pertaining to A.G.M's are adhered to.

A Special General Meeting must also be arranged by the Committee following a written request signed by no fewer than twelve members, who in their requisition shall state the object of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted at that special meeting. The quorum for such a Special Meeting shall be not less than half of the entire membership.

Finance & Assets : The funds of the Association shall be kept in an approved bank. Cheques shall be signed or accounts held by any 2 of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Association's assets and equipment shall vest in the officers for the time being, who shall hold same in trust for the Association.

Voting: Decisions at meetings shall be by consensus where possible

Voting on ordinary issues shall require a simple majority (half attendees plus 1) except in the case of previous decisions being rescinded where a 2/3 majority will be needed. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie (in addition to his vote as a member). Voting where it concerns people shall always be by secret ballot. Voting on other issues shall be at the discretion of the meeting.

Winding-up : A resolution to wind up the Tdy Towns Committee may be passed at a General Meeting specially convened for that purpose, if supported by not less than 3/4 of those present and entitled to vote. This meeting shall also decide on the disposal of any funds and equipment which may be in the committee's name, or how to meet any outstanding debts.

Amendments to Constitution: This constitution may be amended only at an Annual General Meeting by a motion supported by no fewer than 2/3 of those present and entitled to vote. The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Association and not provided for in these rules shall be binding on the members subject to appeal to a General Meeting and shall not under any circumstances be subject to appeal to any court of law.

This constitution was adopted on the xx/xx/2018

Committee Signatures