

# CONSTITUTION OF THE GRANGE ASSOCIATION

## **1 Name**

The name of the Association shall be The Grange Association.

## **2a Objectives**

The objectives of the Association are to encourage and promote, by charitable means but not otherwise, the following:

- i to stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the Grange and its neighbourhood;
- ii to encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of historical, architectural or public interest in the area of benefit;
- iii to encourage high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit;
- iv to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.

## **2b Powers**

In furtherance of these objectives the Association is empowered:

- i to advance the education of the public about the Grange particularly concerning the objectives stated above;
- ii to encourage and stimulate active and well-informed public interest in the past, present and future planning and development of the Grange and its amenity;
- iii to encourage and ensure so far as is possible the application of the highest standards of planning, architecture, construction and design, including landscape design, in the area;
- iv to promote, assist, support, or otherwise encourage the conservation and restoration of buildings, streets, stone walls, monuments, gardens, and other physical features which are considered worthy of preservation and/or conservation on account of their architectural and historic interest;
- v to organise events for the benefit of the public in the Grange in connection with cultural and social welfare aspects of amenity;
- vi to co-operate with and assist local and national authorities and any other associations, bodies and societies and persons by whose or with whose assistance or interest the objectives of the Association can be carried out or furthered;
- vii to co-ordinate the efforts of associations, bodies and societies and persons in the Grange interested in the objectives of The Grange Association;
- viii to raise and hold or contribute to funds which may be used or directed towards any of the Association's objectives; and
- ix to take such further action as the Association may consider conducive to the attainment of the objectives or any part of them.

## **3. The area**

The area of the Grange for the purpose of the objects of the Association shall be defined as the area bounded by an imaginary line running along the northern side of the railway line which lies to the south of Mortonhall Road, West Relugas Road, as far east as the point where the railway crosses

Mayfield Road; thence northwards along the middle of Mayfield Road and Ratcliffe Terrace and Causewayside as far as the point on Causewayside which is nearest to the junction of Sciennes with Sciennes Road; thence westwards to the said junction; thence westwards along the middle of Sciennes road as far as the junction of the latter with Chalmers Crescent; thence southwards so as to pass to the north and west of the house and garden at no. 1 Chalmers Crescent; thence southwards following the western ends of the gardens of the houses which stand on the western sides of Chalmers Crescent and Palmerston Road, to meet Beaufort Road at the point where no.1 Beaufort Road meets no. 2 Beaufort Road; thence westwards along the middle of Beaufort Road and Strathearn Road as far as the junction of the latter with Whitehouse Loan; thence southwards along the middle of Whitehouse Loan as far as the junction of the latter with Grange Loan (Whitehouse Terrace); thence westwards to the line of the rear elevation of the tenements on the east side of Falcon Gardens; thence along that elevation to its southern end and westwards along the south side of Falcon Road to the east side of the electricity substation; thence south, west and south again along the east boundary of the site of the Falcon Court flats to the centre of Canaan Lane; thence eastwards as far as the west boundary of the property of the Health Education Board for Scotland (Woodburn House); thence first south and then eastwards along that boundary, continuing along the southern boundary of the Astley Ainslie Hospital Estate to turn south-east to the northern boundary of the railway line; and thence further eastwards along the northern side of that railway line lying to the south of the Astley Ainslie Hospital Estate and Mortonhall Road until it meets Oswald Road and overlaps the starting point: or as may be recorded in detail on City of Edinburgh District Council and/or Historic Scotland maps.

#### **4 Membership**

Membership shall be open to all persons or bodies who are interested in the objects of the Association. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid for more than six months after notification that it is due. In all questions regarding membership, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

The categories of membership shall be:

Ordinary members	aged 18 years and over
Concessionary members	senior citizens; full-time students aged 18 years and over; unemployed adults aged 18 years and over
Junior members	aged 14 to 18 years, who will have no entitlement to vote at meetings
Honorary President	
Honorary Life members	

Election to honorary categories of membership shall take place at a General Meeting.

#### **5 Subscriptions**

The Association has power at a General Meeting to increase or otherwise vary the rates of subscription, from time to time, by a majority vote.

**6 Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in February or March of each year to receive the Committee's report and audited accounts for the financial year January to December, being the calendar year immediately preceding the months of February or March aforementioned, and to elect Officers and Members of Committee. The Committee shall then decide when ordinary meetings of the Association shall be held and shall give reasonable notice of all meetings to members. Special General Meetings of the Association shall be held at the request of 20 or more members. Twenty members personally present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association.

**7 Officers and Committee**

The officers of the Association shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. No officer shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for at least one year after having served in that office for four consecutive years.

The committee members shall consist of the officers of the Association *ex officio* and not more than eight further ordinary members. No ordinary member of the committee shall be eligible for re-election to the committee as an ordinary member for at least one year after having served as an ordinary member for four consecutive years.

The position of each committee member shall be subject to election or re-election at each Annual General Meeting for the period of one year until the next Annual General Meeting.

Subject to these provisions, all officers and other committee members shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The committee shall have power to co-opt further members who will act in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

A quorum of the committee shall consist of not fewer than five members attending in person and entitled to vote.

The committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Association and taking decisions on its behalf, subject always to the over-riding authority of members expressed by a majority at a General Meeting.

**8 Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at any General Meeting, provided that not less than fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members of the committee prior to the date of the meeting at which the amendment is to be moved, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Association on any object which is not charitable. The committee shall give such notice to members of any proposed amendment as may be reasonably practicable.

**9 Failure to notify members**

No failure due to inadvertence, error or any other *bona fide* cause to give notice of any meeting or resolution or other matter to any member or members, shall invalidate the proceedings at such meetings or any resolution passed or any other business conducted at such meetings. Where the committee decides that notice to each individual member of meetings, resolutions and other matters is impracticable for reasons of cost, administrative difficulty or the like, then notice in public places, the press and the like shall be employed.

**10 Appeals**

The committee shall have the power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass monies for carrying out the objects of the Association.

**11 Expenses of administration**

The committee shall, out of monies received by the Association, pay all proper expenses of administration and management and shall use the residue of the monies as it thinks fit or towards the objects of the Association.

**12 Investment**

All monies at any time belonging to the Association and not required for immediate application shall be invested by the Treasurer in such investments as he thinks fit, subject to the instructions of the committee.

**13 Borrowing**

The committee may borrow for the objects of the Association such monies at such rate of interest and in such manner as it may think fit, subject to approval in writing of not less than five members of the committee, two of whom must be the Treasurer and either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

**14 Winding up**

In the event of the winding up of the Association the available funds of the Association shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies, having objects similar to those hereinbefore declared, as may be chosen by the committee.

14 November 1996, boundary revision approved by AGM 20 February 2002, adopted in full by AGM 25 February 2004.

Revision relating to period of tenure of officers adopted by AGM 22 February 2006.

Revision (Clause 7), relating to requirement for ordinary members to retire, amended to require retirements only after having served for four years: adopted by AGM 3 March 2020