

Proposed Constitution Changes

The constitution of the Penkhull Residents Association requires changes to update to a useable format. To this end the old constitution has been updated using track changes so that members can clearly see the changes made. The key changes made are outlined below.

1. **Aims:**
 - a. The committee recently discussed changes to the aims of the association with a view to updating and making them more relevant. These discussions informed the wording on the recently purchased banners now being utilised at various events.
2. **Membership:**
 - a. The committee must agree by a simple majority for anyone outside the area to be members.
 - b. Where during a dispute hearing for an expelled person any representation supporting the expelled person must not be acting in any legal capacity.
3. **Annual General Meetings:**
 - a. The AGM votes on changes to the constitution. This has been updated to allow changes mid AGM's agreed in the same way by the committee but allowable via an EGM too.
4. **The Committee:**
 - a. The Chair currently only votes where there is a tied vote. This has changed to allow the chair to vote and have a second vote if the vote is tied.
 - b. The committee is currently not allowed to go ahead unless at least a third of the membership is present. Owing to current membership being under the 15 it is proposed that a third of the current in post membership needs to be present.
5. **Committee Meetings:**
 - a. The Chair currently only votes where there is a tied vote. This has changed to allow the chair to vote and have a second vote if the vote is tied.
6. **Sub Committee's**
 - a. A sub committee can apply to the main committee for permission to use the Associations bank account. Previously no permission was required.
7. **Finance**
 - a. This has been updated to reflect modern payment methods, not just cheques. It is proposed that all payments need to be agreed by the main committee and minuted before any expenditure is paid. This will require the treasurer to obtain the committee's approval of all regular expenditure in the first instance.