



## **Constitution of Murray Park Friends**

The name of the association is "Murray Park Friends".

### **Aims and Objectives**

The establishment of a formally constituted Friends Group for Murray Road Recreation Ground provides an opportunity to increase resident involvement and participation opportunities in order to develop a park that meets the current and future needs of the local community and encourage participation of leisure and sport

### **Power to Act**

In furtherance of the aims, but not otherwise, this association and its officers may carry out the following powers:

1. To raise funds and receive contributions, provided that in raising funds the association does not undertake any substantial trading activities and conforms to the requirement of the law.
2. The officers shall act to advise the full membership at its ordinary monthly meetings of all lawful means as are necessary for the achievement of this associations aims.
3. The full membership at its monthly convened meetings shall democratically decide on all matters of policy and its implementation in achieving the aims of this association.

### **Membership**

Membership of the group is open to any person who is interested in helping the group to achieve its aims, willing to abide by the rules of the group and to pay any subscription agreed by the management committee.

Every member has one vote at general meetings.

The management committee may, by unanimous vote and for good reason, terminate the membership of any individual, provided that the individual concerned has had the right to be heard by the management committee accompanied by a friend, before the decision has been made.

### **Management**

Three officers are to be elected to their respective posts each year at the annual general meeting (AGM) – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer.

At the completion of the year, these officers will resign but may be re-elected.

The Friends Group shall consist of the 4 officers and such numbers of the Friends determined at the AGM to help administer the association. Members under the age of 18 can be in the Friends Group but will be non voting as will any members employed by the local authority.

The Chair or other serving officers shall preside at the Friends Group meetings.

The Friends Group and officers will meet as deemed necessary between the ordinary monthly meetings to consider policy, its implementation and set out an agenda to advise the full membership at the monthly meetings.

The quorum for Friends Group meetings shall be 3 members, including an officer to preside.

Voting at Friends Group meetings shall be by show of hands, in the case of a tied vote the Chair shall have a second vote.

A member of the officers shall cease to hold office if he or she wished to resign or is absent without apology from all meetings held within a three month period.

The officers may delegate power to a sub committee, providing all activities carried out are reported back to the officers.

Minutes of all proceedings must be taken and retained.

## **Finance**

All monies obtained by the association must be used only to further the aims of the association. Any bank accounts opened will be in the name of the association and all cheques must be signed by two of three nominated signatories.

The work of Murray Park Friends shall not be for the benefit of landfill site operators who may contribute to Murray Park Friends and claim credit under the Landfill Communities Fund. Nor shall it be for the benefit of contributing third parties, as defined in the landfill tax regulations.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The association shall hold an annual general meeting and members will be given at least 21 days notice of the meeting and will be entitled to vote.

The business of the meeting shall include:

1. Reports on the activities over the past year
2. A report from the treasurer on the groups finances.
3. Appointing an independent auditor/advisor (if applicable).
4. Resignation & election of new officers and members.

## **Special General Meeting**

A special general meeting may be called by the officers or by a minimum of 6 members, who state their reasons in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting, to discuss an urgent matter. The secretary will seek to notify all members of any special meeting together with notice of the matter to be discussed.

## **Alterations to the Constitution**

Any change to this constitution must be agreed by a majority of members present and voting at any general meeting.

## **Dissolution**

The group may be wound up at any time if agreed by the majority of members present and voting at any general meeting. In the event of winding up, all assets remaining after all debts have been paid must be given to an agreed local charity or association.

In the event of the organisation disbanding any remaining Landfill Communities Fund money shall be transferred to any enrolled Environmental Body, and not to an organisation of similar objects and status.

## **Adoption of the constitution**

The original constitution was adopted, by the Membership at a meeting, on the 31 Nov 2017. This revised constitution was agreed and adopted at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.