



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

- 1.1 The number of members which can be registered is unlimited.
- 1.2 A register of members is maintained, entry onto the register is only carried out after membership is approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 1.3 Membership of the Charity is open to any individual [or organisation] interested in “improving the quality of life and equality of opportunity of all people living and working in Darfield” regardless of any other commitments.
- 1.4 Individuals [or organisation] must apply to the Darfield Community Association using the membership application form (PD001-A) which must be submitted to an officer for submission to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees;
- 1.5 The membership application shall be approved by a majority of Trustees present at the meeting providing that there is no known circumstances which would be detrimental to either the Members or the Darfield Community Association
- 1.6 Where the membership application is refused then a written explanation of why the membership is refused shall be provided to the applicant.
- 1.7 On membership approval the member shall be entered into a class of membership as follows :-

following classes of membership are subject to clause 7 of the Memorandum and articles and whilst a member or for 12 months afterwards to pay up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while he or she was a member..

- **General** Any member not specifically placed into any other class of membership, **General Members have voting rights**
- **Trustee** Trustees are elected either by the membership of the Darfield Community Association at the AGM or are co-opted by the serving trustees to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. For avoidance of doubt all trustees are company directors as defined by the Company’s Act. **Trustee members have voting rights**
- **Organisation** Where an organisation’s is approved for membership the organisation shall nominate in writing details of the organisations representative. The Representative shall have a single vote on behalf of the organisation

The following classes of membership are not subject to clause 7 of the Memorandum and articles

- **Youth** All members who are under 18 years of age, **Youth Members have no voting rights.**
- **Associate** Any Representative of Local Authorities or other vested interest group who are not resident within Darfield shall be ex-officio. **Associate Members have no voting rights.**

1.8 Membership is terminated if the member concerned:

- § gives written notice of resignation to the Charity;
- § dies or (in the case of an organisation) ceases to exist;
- § is more than six months in arrear in paying the relevant subscription, if any (but in such a case the member may be reinstated on payment of the amount due); or
- § is removed from membership by resolution of the Trustees on the ground that in their reasonable opinion the member’s continued membership is harmful to the Charity. The Trustees may only pass such a resolution after notifying the member in writing and considering the matter in the light of any written representations which the member concerned puts forward within 14 clear days after receiving notice.