

Hornsea and District Chamber of Trade Constitution

1.Name:

The association shall be called Hornsea and District Chamber of Trade

2.Members:

The chamber shall consist of traders and professional men and women practicing or residing in Hornsea and District. The chamber reserves the right to refuse membership to any applicant.

3.Objects:

The organisations objects are :

3.1 To work for the benefit of the members and to advance the interests of the trade and industry of the town as a whole.

3.2 To consider all matters of general and local importance or interest, which affect traders and professional men and women and to take action or recommendations in the appropriate quarter, to further the interests and protect the rights of the chamber and others affected.

3.3 To operate with broad interests, including all things that may be of vital concern to the wellbeing of town and district. This remit includes – transportation, car parking, efficient public services, education and training, town planning etc.

3.4 To promote harmony, good feeling and sociability amongst its members.

4. Honorary officers & executive committee:

The executive committee shall consist of a president, who shall also be chairman, a Vice President, secretary, treasurer and no more than 7 other members all of who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. One Hon. Auditor shall also be appointed. All officers can be re- elected including the president.

5. Powers:

The Executive Committee shall have the power to create policy for the chamber.

The executive committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy during the year, to co- opt any additional member if deemed necessary, to appoint Sub-committees and transact and carry out all necessary business to the benefit of the chamber. In the event of a committee member being absent from three consecutive executive committee meetings, and should the executive committee use its powers to co-opt a replacement then the original member shall cease to be a member of the committee. All committee members are expected to be pro active and to work for the benefit of the chamber in any way that they can.

6. Annual General Meetings:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 1 February and 31 March each year to receive the reports from the secretary and treasurer, together with the audited accounts of the year. Eight members shall form a quorum. If any member shall give to the secretary not less than 21 days notice of any motion, which he/she wishes to propose at an Annual General Meeting, such motion shall be placed on the agenda of that meeting.

7. Meetings and Proceedings of the elective committee:

The executive committee shall meet at least once monthly, except in August. Additional meetings may be summoned by the president or secretary to discuss any urgent business. Executive meetings to have a quorum of five, including two officials.

8. Extraordinary General meeting:

An extraordinary general meeting of the chamber may be called by the president or secretary upon written request of not less that eight members,

9. Minutes of meetings:

Correct minutes of all meetings shall be kept available for inspection by any member at all reasonable times.

10. Annual Subscription:

The annual subscription, payable on 1st day of February each year, to be agreed at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

11. Financial Arrangements:

The funds of the organisation shall be paid into the appropriate bank account, which bears the name of the organisation.

All cheques drawn on any chamber account must be signs by two or three named members of the Executive Committee.

12. Alterations to the constitution:

Alterations to the constitutions may only be made at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary meeting.

13. Dissolution:

Should it become necessary for the organisation to cease operation, all remaining assets will be given to an organisation with similar objects and interests.

Signed: Date:.....
President

Signed..... Date:.....
Secretary

Rules- September 1977 (Amended February 1991 and 2010)

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