

# MERCHANTS LANDING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

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1. The Association shall be known as "The Merchants Landing Residents Association".
2. The purpose of the Association shall be to be to promote the interests and benefit of the residents of Merchants Landing as a whole and represent their views both as a community and (where appropriate) as individuals.
3. (a) "Merchants Landing" shall mean that area of the City of Bristol bounded upon the west by Wapping Road, upon the north by that part of the River Avon known as the "Floating Harbour" and upon the east and the south by Bathurst Basin.  
(b) A "household" shall mean collectively all those persons living within any' one dwelling-house or flat (and used exclusively as such) at Merchants Landing.
4. Every resident of the age of eighteen years and over dwelling in a household at Merchants Landing shall be a member of the Association.
5. The Association shall in November of each year hold an Annual General Meeting and shall in addition to any other business conducted thereat:-
  - (a) Hear the Chairman's report for the current year;
  - (b) Receive the accounts for the current year and if agreed approve them;
  - (c) Elect the members of the committee to serve from that day until the Annual General Meeting of the Association in the following year;
  - (d) Elect two auditors for the following year;
  - (e) Fix the subscription payable to the Association for the following year.
6. At the Annual General Meeting and at any Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association each household shall have one vote irrespective of the number of members of the Association residing in that household.
7. The subscription fixed by the Annual General Meeting shall be a sum payable by each household irrespective of the number of members of the Association residing in that household.
8. The Association shall have as its officers a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
9. The Association shall have a committee of not less than six and not more than nine members.

10. The committee shall be elected each year by the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
11. The committee shall elect the officers of the Association from among the members of the committee.
12. Five members of the committee shall form a quorum.
13. The decisions of the committee shall be by a simple majority and no member of the committee shall have a casting vote.
14. The committee shall (insofar as there is a nomination of a member of the Association from each such area) include a representative from each of the following areas of Merchants Landing:-
  - (a) Bathurst Parade;
  - (b) Challoner Court;
  - (c) Draycot Place;
  - (d) Trin Mills;
  - (e) Merchants Quay;
  - (f) Wapping Road;
  - (g) Daubney Court;
  - (h) Byzantine Court;
  - (i) Merrick Court.
15. No officer or member shall receive any remuneration for his services to the Association but any officer or member may be reimbursed his reasonable expenses incurred in relation to work carried out for the Association.
16. A committee member shall serve for one year but every committee member shall be eligible for re-election in each succeeding year.
17. A committee member shall automatically cease to be a committee member upon ceasing to be a member of the Association.

18. (a) If during any year the number of committee members falls below nine the committee may co-opt a member of the Association to serve as a committee member until the next Annual General Meeting.  
  
(b) If at any particular meeting of the committee a committee member is unable to attend that member may nominate another member of the Association to attend that one meeting of the committee in the place of such committee member.
19. No household which has failed to pay its subscription to the Association for the current year shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association until the subscription has been paid.
20. The decisions of the meetings of the Association shall be by a simple majority of votes cast at the meeting save as specifically hereinafter provided.
21. No alteration shall be made to this constitution save by a majority of votes which is both:
  - (a) two-thirds of the votes cast at the General Meeting considering the proposed alteration, and
  - (b) a simple majority of all households eligible to vote at the day of the General Meeting fourteen days prior notice having been given to each household of the proposed alteration.
22. An Extraordinary General meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the committee giving not less than fourteen days notice in writing thereof to each household.
23. Upon not less than fifteen per cent of the households requesting the Chairman to call an Extraordinary General Meeting the Chairman shall within ten days after receiving such request call an Extraordinary General Meeting within twenty-eight days of the request being made to the Chairman by giving not less than ten days notice thereof to each household.
24. Upon any member of the Association ceasing to reside at Merchants Landing such person shall automatically cease to be a member of the Association.
25. Any proposal to "wind-up" the Association shall be treated as a proposal to alter the Constitution.