

CONSTITUTION OF AMROTH SLIPWAY ASSOCIATION

1.0 NAME

1.1

The name of the Association shall be 'Amroth Slipway Association'.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

2.1

To maintain the orderly conduct of all craft using the slipway and the beach.

2.2

To accept granting of any property whatsoever and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property.

2.3

To improve, manage, construct, repair, develop, options, rights and privileges in respect of or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the association.

2.4

To do all things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the Association's objectives.

3.0 RULES

3.1

Launch and retrieval is only allowed from or onto a trailer or other non self propelled device in the designated area between the flags. Rules and restrictions apply from 30 April to 30 September annually to all watercraft including jet skis shore side of the tidal marker buoys. Outside of these dates, when there may be no flags, use best judgement to always keep the public safe and your vehicle away from wet sand to avoid sinking.

3.2

Vehicles, trailers or other non self propelled devices should be removed from the beach access slipway immediately after launch.

3.3

Except at launch and retrieval watercraft can only return to the shore Pendine side of the end of the sea wall near the New Inn public house or 10 metres Wisemans Bridge side of the access slip ramp near to the Temple Bar Inn, for the purposes of mooring or transfer of users. Movement to and from the shore in this area is restricted to a speed of 5 knots.

3.4

Subject to 3.3 watercraft must not be used in the restricted area.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP

4.1

Membership of the Association shall be limited to 50 members and extended to include only payers of the council tax or equivalent government levy of Amroth parish.

4.2

Any person wishing to become a member must be proposed for membership by an existing member and seconded by a member of the committee. Each proposal for membership shall be given in writing on the Associations Membership Application Form to the secretary who shall submit it to the next meeting of the Committee.

4.3

The committee shall, by resolution, elect - or refuse to elect - persons so proposed. No reason shall be given to any candidate in the event of his or her rejection.

4.4

Persons elected to the membership shall become members on the payment of the full annual subscription for the current year.

4.5

Every member must have a valid certificate of insurance.

4.6

Existing member must be paid up by 30 March each year.

4.7.0

A member shall cease to be a member if:

4.7.1

Having paid his or her subscription for the current year he or she notifies the secretary of his desire to resign. Membership fee is only refundable if the resignation is accepted by the Committee before 30 April annually.

4.7.2

He or she fails to pay any subscription or other fee within the calendar month of March or at any time as directed by the treasurer.

4.7.3

Committee so resolve by a majority that the member has committed some act - or is guilty of behaviour - inconsistent with membership of the Association.

5.0 COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

5.1

The affairs of the Association in all matters not in these rules shall be managed by the Committee of the Association or by the Association in a General Meeting.

5.2

The present Officers of the Association are:

President To be elected

Chairman Peter Evans

Vice-Chairman To be elected

Secretary Cyril Williams

Treasurer Tim Evans

Membership Secretary Dai Lloyd

5.3

The above named officers, except for the President, shall hold office until their retirement or removal be resolution of an Annual General Meeting of the Association.

5.4

Any vacancy in such offices shall be filled by resolution of an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, save that in the case of a casual vacancy the Committee shall have the power to fill the same, but any such appointment shall be only for the period ending with the next Annual General Meeting.

5.5

Nothing herein shall prevent any persons so appointed from being eligible for re-election.

5.6

The President shall hold office for three years.

5.7

A new Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Association but retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

5.8

The Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees for such purposes as it may deem appropriate.

5.9

Four members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

5.10

Three members shall constitute a quorum of any sub-committee. Resolutions at an Annual General Meeting will be carried out by a majority.

5.11

Each member of the Committee, including the Chairman, shall have one vote and in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second casting vote.

6.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS, FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

6.1

The annual subscription for a member shall be such a sum as the treasurer may from time to time determine; and agree at a General Meeting.

6.2

Annual subscriptions shall be payable on election to membership and thereafter on the first day of March in every subsequent year or as directed by the treasurer.

6.3

The Treasurer shall keep such proper books of accounts as will enable him or her to present at every Annual General Meeting of the Association or at any other time if required (on reasonable notice to him or her) by the Committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Association.

6.4

The funds of the Association shall be held in a bank current account, savings account or building society.

6.5

Two of three signatories shall sign any cheque drawn. The three signatories will be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

7.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1

The annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during the first week of March each year or as agreed by the Committee and every member shall receive notice of such meeting. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be sent by pre-paid post or fax or e-mail to each member at his or her last known address.

7.2

The only business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be the confirmation of the Minutes, Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report, election of Officers and Committee members and President (when appropriate) and any other business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

7.3

Any member wishing to raise any business at an Annual General Meeting must give not less than fourteen days written notice of such business to the Secretary.

7.4

Nominations in writing for the Committee and Officers must be received at latest fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

7.5

At the Annual General Meeting every member including the Chairman shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second casting vote.

7.6

A General Meeting of the Association may be summoned at any time by the Committee and shall be so summoned immediately upon twenty members delivering to the Committee a written request in that behalf.

7.7

At any General Meeting of the Association every member of the Association shall be entitled to be present and every member shall be entitled to one vote upon every question raised.

7.8

The secretary shall take notes of the proceedings of the General Meetings of the Association.

8.0 GENERAL MATTERS

8.1

The Association will at all times insist upon the regulation of speed to 5 knots per hour within the restricted area as laid down by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

8.2

Any member shall, upon written request to the Committee, have all his or her correspondence written in the Welsh Language.

8.3

Members are required to provide a deposit to the treasurer for the use of an access key. The deposit is refundable when the membership is terminated (refer to ceasing to become a member).

Membership will be terminated if keys are duplicated by members for use and benefit of non members.

9.0 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

9.1

These rules may be evoked, altered or added to by resolution of an Annual General Meeting of the Association carried by a majority of the members present at such meeting notice of which contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

10.0 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

10.1

Neither the Association or any Officer thereafter shall be liable to any members or guests for any loss damage to any property resulting from whatever cause in or about any property of the Association.

11.0 DISSOLUTION

11.1

If the number of ordinary members of the Association shall at any time fall below one or if at any time the Association shall pass in General Meeting, by a majority comprising two thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote, a resolution of its intention to dissolve the General Committee or failing them the Trustees, immediate steps shall be taken to convert into money all the property of the Association with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Association in General Meeting shall so authorise.

11.2

Out of the proceeds of such conversion the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Association including the expenses of such conversion and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of as the Association in General Meeting shall resolve and thereupon the Association shall for all purposes be dissolved.

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RULES

1. Keep slipway clear at all times
2. Except for launch and retrieval Watercraft must not operate in the bathing area
3. Trailers not to be left on beach
4. All members must have valid and appropriate certificate of insurance
5. Take home your rubbish
6. Max speed of 5mph on beach
7. Watercraft must display allocated membership number
8. Watercraft speed must not exceed 5 knots in the restricted area