

DUN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

- i. The name of the organisation shall be the '*Dun Laoghaire Central Residents Association*'.
- ii. The acronym DLCRA may be used to describe the organisation.

2. STATUS

- i. DLCRA is a non-party political, non-sectarian, community based voluntary membership organisation.
- ii. DLCRA shall not field or endorse candidates in Local Authority, Oireachtas or European Parliament Elections.

3. AREA

- i. The area of operation of the DLCRA shall be defined as lying within the boundaries defined as the sea to the east, York road to the north, Tivoli road to the west and Glenageary Road Lower to the south. Outside of these roads are included Cualanor, Royal Terrace, Eglinton Park and Crosthwaite Park.
- ii. This roughly corresponds to an area approximately 800m distance from the junction of Marine Road and Georges St, less than a 10 minutes walk.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- i. To be the voice of the residents of Dun Laoghaire in support of the development of a sustainable, inclusive, thriving community in which to live and work.
- ii. To Provide a forum for the residents of Dun Laoghaire Town to work together on areas of common interest to effect change
- iii. Our Actions can be defined as:
 - COLLATE: Gather & aggregate community issues
 - THINK: Develop solutions to tackle the issues
 - Promote best practice in urban development
 - REPRESENT: Represent issues with officials, execs & stakeholders
- iv. To promote pride of place and good neighbour policies and actions
- v. To promote the enhancement of the public realm
- vi. To work with local County Councillors, Teachtaí Dála and Senators in the furtherance of DLCRA objectives
- vii. To work with other residents' associations in our common interest
- viii. Join the Countywide Public Participation Network (PPN)
- ix. Publish a newsletter and/or have a presence on social media

5. GOVERNANCE

- i. DLCRA shall be governed by an Executive Committee comprising of the following officers elected by the residents at the Annual General Meeting, Chair, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and not more than ten other committee members.
- ii. The positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Publicity Officer may not be held by a Public Representative.
- iii. Persons elected to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair are restricted to term limits of three consecutive years, however, shall be eligible for re-election to such position after a period of two years following the termination of the third term of office.
- iv. If the committee sees fit, they will provide ex-officio positions to representatives of the county council and the business community.
- v. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of January each year on a date determined by the Executive Committee.
- vi. Committee members should be residents from different areas within Dun Laoghaire and preferably be representatives of already existing resident associations if possible..
- vii. The Executive Committee shall ensure that proper records of all meetings are held and that proper accounts shall be maintained and, in the case of any bank account or Credit Union account, two signatures shall be required for all transactions involving the expenditure of DLCRA funds.
- viii. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than six times each year.

6. SUB-COMMITTEES

- i. The Executive Committee may, from time to time, establish subcommittees to deal with certain issues or functions as determined by the Executive Committee.
- ii. The Chair of a Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- iii. The Chair of a Sub-committee shall cause proper records of its meetings to be kept and such shall be delivered, without redaction, to the Executive Committee on request.
- iv. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to dissolve a sub-committee at any time.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- i. Membership of DLCRA is open to any resident in the areas covered by the organisation.
- ii. Initially the DLCRA will not charge membership fees or a subscription. Donations to the DLCRA are of a purely voluntary nature.
- iii. Potential changes to the DLCRA's funding method will be debated once a year at the AGM.

8. AMENDMENT

- i. This Constitution may be amended by a resolution of the Members adopted at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- ii. Any resolution to amend this Constitution must receive not less than a two-thirds majority of the Members in attendance at the General Meeting.

9. DISSOLUTION

- i. Following the determination of the Executive Committee that the organisation shall be dissolved, for whatever reason, all funds, property and assets held by the organisation at the time of dissolution shall, after all liabilities have been discharged, be transferred to a registered charity in the town of Dún Laoghaire.