

PINEAPPLE CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

- 1.1 The Club shall be known as 'The Pineapple Luncheon Club (hereinafter referred to as 'the Club').

2. OBJECTS

- 2.1 The object of the Club shall be:
- a. The relief of poverty, hardship and distress amongst the inhabitants primarily of Bromley, Croydon, Southwark, Lambeth, Lewisham (the Club shall also accept membership outside of these areas, in consultation with Management Committee) and in particular the aged, the infirm and disabled.
 - b. To provide or, assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations for those who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, infirmity or disablement or social and economic circumstances.

In furtherance of the above objectives, but not further or otherwise, the Club may:

- I. Provide meals for people in need

- II. Devise a system whereby observations of need and deterioration in health can be identified and referrals made to the appropriate agencies.
 - III. Provide advice and information to people in need.
 - IV. Do all such other lawful things as shall further the above objects or any of them.
 - V. Provide a caring and secure environment which will accord with the respect which we show elderly people.
- 2.2 The Club shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to all individuals over the age of 25 years of age who have an interest in advancing the objectives of the Club, subject to the approval of the Management Committee.
- 3.2 An annual membership subscription will be payable as may be determined by the Management Committee.
- 3.3 The Management Committee shall have power for good and sufficient reason to cancel the membership of any member who opposes the objects and whose views are detrimental to the club.

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 The Management Committee shall consist of no more than eleven members, including the elected officers.
- 4.2 At the Annual General Meeting the Club shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and such other honorary officers as it may require for the proper conduct of its business.

- 4.3 Other Management Committee members shall include at least two other people who use the services. Any staff appointed shall not be ex-officio members of the Management Committee.
- 4.4 Each elected officer shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following his/her election or appointment and, provided that person remains a member of the club, shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.
- 4.5 It shall be the duty and function of the Management Committee to carry out the general policy and business of the Club and subject to any conditions imposed from time to time by the members of the Club to provide administration, management and control of the affairs and property of the Club.
- 4.6 Any member of the Management Committee that are absent for three consecutive meetings without good reason shall be asked to stand down.
- 4.7 Any casual vacancy on the Management Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the Committee itself and any person so appointed shall continue as a member until the Annual General Meeting after the appointment.
- 4.8 In order to bring onto the Management Committee persons with special qualifications relevant to the objects of the Club, the committee shall have the power to co-opt three additional members to the Management Committee, provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Management Committee at the time of co-option, Co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

5. STAFF

- 5.1 The Management Committee shall be empowered to appoint such paid officers and other staff (not being Management Committee members) as is desirable for the conduct of the Club's business.
- 5.2 The appointment of staff shall be carried out with due regard to Equal Opportunities.

6. SUB COMMITTEE

The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees as it deems necessary and shall determine their terms of reference, power, duration and composition provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub-committee shall be reported to the Management Committee as soon as possible and provided, further, that no such sub-committee shall extend funds of the Club otherwise than in accordance with a Budget agreed by the Management Committee.

7. MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

- 7.1 The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year in April.
- 7.2 Those entitled to vote shall be those on the register of members of the Club (twenty-eight days) prior to the meetings.
- 7.3 At least fourteen days-notice shall be given in writing of any General Meeting to members.

8. QUORUM

The quorum at General Meetings of the Club shall consist of one-third of the members. The quorum at meetings of the Management Committee shall consist of one-third of the members of this Committee.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 The Club shall have the power to raise money by means of subscriptions, donations, gifts, legacies, fund-raising activities and grants from funding bodies, local authorities and shall use all such monies exclusively in the furtherance of the Club's objects

provided that the Club shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the object of the Club.

9.2 A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Club.

10. AUDIT

Each Annual General Meeting of the Club shall appoint an auditor and shall receive audited accounts for the financial year immediately passed.

11. DISSOLUTION

11.1 The Club may be dissolved following a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting of the Council convened for that purpose, written notice of which has been given twenty-eight days in advance to all members by the Management Committee.

11.2 Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Club, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Club may determine and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

12. AMENDMENT OF CONSITUTION

Alterations to this constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The resolution for the alteration of the constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Club at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary

to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed. Provided that no alteration shall be made to Clause 2.1 (objects), Clause 11 (dissolution) or this Clause until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Club to cease to be a Charity in law.

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

Andrea Scale – Chairperson