

Friends of Talybont Reservoir

1 NAME

The association's name is 'Friends of Talybont Reservoir'

2 THE PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE

to support the environment, biodiversity and public enjoyment of Talybont reservoir, and to assist in the establishment and support of the local nature reserve

3 MANAGEMENT

The association will be managed by a committee drawn from the members who are appointed at its Annual General Meeting (AGM).

4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out its purposes, the management committee has the power to:

- (1) raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (2) apply funds to carry out the work of the association
- (3) co-operate with and support other organisations with similar purposes
- (4) do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

5 MEMBERSHIP

The association shall have a membership open to anyone who supports the purposes of the association. The management committee will keep an up-to-date membership list. The management committee shall have the power to suspend/exclude any member who acts in a way that undermines the purposes of the association. Representatives of partner organisations (for example, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, the National Park Authority, the Forestry Commission and the Brecknock Wildlife Trust) may appoint representatives to the association, however see item 6 (7) regarding voting.

6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- (1) The AGM must be held every year, with 14 days notice given to all members telling them what is on the agenda. Minutes must be kept of the AGM.
- (2) There must be at least 5 members including 2 officers present at the AGM.
- (3) Every member including officers has one vote. The Chairman has a casting vote.
- (4) The management committee shall present the annual report and accounts.
- (5) Any member may stand for election to the management committee
- (6) Members shall elect between 3 and 7 committee members to serve for the next year. They will retire at the next AGM but may stand for re-election.
- (7) Representatives of partner organisations (for example, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, the National Park Authority and the Brecknock Wildlife Trust) will be invited to the AGM but may not vote.

7 Management Committee meetings

- (1) Members of the committee must hold at least 1 meeting each year. At the AGM they will elect a chair, treasurer and secretary. Members of the committee may act by majority decision.
- (2) At least 3 members of the committee must be present at the meeting to be able to take decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- (3) Representatives of partner organisations may attend and assist at committee meetings, but may not vote.

8 **MONEY AND PROPERTY**

- (1) Money and property must only be used for the organisation's purposes.
- (2) Accounts must be kept.
- (3) Members of the committee cannot receive any money or property from the organisation, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- (4) Money must be held in the organisation's bank account. All cheques must be signed by 2 members of the committee.

9 **GENERAL MEETINGS**

If the members of the committee consider it is necessary to change the constitution, or wind up the organisation, they must call a General Meeting so that the membership can make the decision. Members of the committee must also call a General Meeting if they receive a written request from the majority of members. All members must be given 14 days notice and told the reason for the meeting. All decisions at a general meeting require a two thirds majority. Minutes must be kept.

- (1) **Winding up** - any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a charity or organisation with similar purposes to this one.
- (2) **Changes to the Constitution** - can be made at AGMs or General Meetings.

10 **SETTING UP THE ORGANISATION**

This constitution was adopted on 24th November 2011 by the people whose signatures appear below. They are the first members of the organisation.

Signed

Print name and address

original copy held by Honorary secretary