

Item 5 - Changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association

Memorandum of Association:

The charity's objects are (Current wording):

The Association is established to support **persons who have Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus, or related conditions who are resident in the beneficial area.** Kasbah will actively promote their empowerment and inclusion into all aspect of life and living.

The proposed change to wording:

The Association's main objective is to **support people with a physical and/or learning disability within Kent and Medway to become more independent.** KASBAH will actively promote empowerment and inclusion into all aspect of life and living.

Current wording:

- (a) To provide support and assistance to members to enable them to access the necessary goods and services to lead full and active lives, as well as facilitate specialist training programmes for members and interested parties in all aspects of independent living;

The proposed change is to include an (a2):

(a2) To provide information and advice to people who access the DIAL service;

Current wording:

7. Every member **promises**, if the Charity is dissolved while he or she is a member or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) as may be demanded of him or her towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Charity incurred before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

The proposed change:

7. Every member **agrees**, if the Charity is dissolved while he or she is a member or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) as may be demanded of him or her towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Charity incurred before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

Articles of Association:

Current wording:

(2) Membership is open to other individuals or organisations who:

- (a). Are resident in the beneficial area **who have Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus or related disorder**, including their parents and/or carers and residents of KASBAH's Independent Living Project with conditions other than Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus for the duration of their placement within our service.

The proposed change:

(a) Are resident in the beneficial area, have a **physical and/or learning disability and are in need of KASBAH's support services** including parents and/or carers.

NB: Users of the DIAL service are able to access this service without the need to become a KASBAH member.

Current wording:

9. (1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

(2) A quorum is:

- 10 members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting; or
- **5% of the total membership at the time.**

The proposed change is to remove '5% of the total membership at the time':

9. (1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

(2) A quorum is:

- 10 members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting;

Current Wording:

16. (1) Subject to Articles 3 and 14 and the next paragraph, every member, whether an individual or an organisation shall have one vote.

(a) This vote can be delegated, after informing the **Executive Committee**. The appointment of **proxy** must be expressed in writing and be delivered to the registered office of KASBAH to arrive no later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.

(b) **All children under the age of eighteen years with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus** will have one vote designated to one of the parents or a legal guardian.

The proposed changes:

16. (1) Subject to Articles 3 and 14 and the next paragraph, every member, whether an individual or an organisation shall have one vote.

(a) This vote can be delegated, after informing the **Board of Trustees**. The appointment of proxy/postal vote must be expressed in writing and be delivered to the registered office of KASBAH to arrive no later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.

(b) All **members under the age of eighteen years** will have one vote designated to one of the parents or a legal guardian.