

**SHAW RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION (Amended July 2011)**

**1. NAME**

The Name of the Organisation shall be Shaw Residents Association (SRA).

**2. OBJECTS**

- a) Shaw Residents Association established for charitable objects and purposes only.
- b) In particular, Shaw Residents Association is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Shaw and its immediate environs, without distinction of age, sex, race, political or religious or other opinions, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, institutions, businesses and inhabitants in a common effort to develop facilities and opportunities in the interests of social well-being with the object of improving the environment and conditions of life of the inhabitants; and to promote all or any objects for the benefit of the community which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.
- c) In furtherance of the above objects, but not further or otherwise, Shaw Residents Association may obtain and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, affiliation fees, subscriptions, legacies, grants and any other method; acquire and hold property, or investments; affiliate to or accept affiliation from anybody having objects similar to those of Shaw Residents Association associate with and assist other charitable organisations having objects consistent with the objects of Shaw Residents Association, arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes or other functions.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of Shaw Residents Association shall be from:-

- a) All persons living in the local electoral ward.
- b) Representatives of groups or organisations which operate or work in the area. Eligibility and representation of groups or organisations shall be decided by Shaw Residents Association or its Executive Committee.

Voting rights are explained in section 7.

**4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- a) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of members of the Shaw Residents Association constituted in such manner as the Shaw Residents Association in General Meeting shall from time to time determine, whose duty it shall be to carry out the general policy of the Shaw Residents Association and, subject to any conditions imposed from time to time by Shaw Residents Association to provide

for the administration, management and control of the affairs and laid down in the standing orders of the Shaw Residents Association. Other meetings shall be held at such times as the Shaw Residents Association may determine.

- b) A special meeting of the Shaw Residents Association shall be called at fourteen clear days notice in writing on the written demand of six members or by the Chair of the Shaw Residents Association or by the Executive Committee. The reasons for calling the meeting shall be clearly stated in the written communication from those requesting the meeting.
- c) At the Annual Meeting the businesses shall include the election of a Chair and Honorary Officers, the election of the Executive Committee, and the consideration of an Annual Report of Shaw Residents Association's work and of the Accounts. Elections shall be decided by a simple majority of votes of members present and entitled to vote; in case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.
- d) The quorum at the Annual Meeting of Shaw Residents Association shall be not less than 12 persons.

## **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The election of Honorary Officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be carried out in the manner laid down in the standing orders of Shaw Residents Association.

Mandate of Officers and Executive Committee

- Committee to encourage discussion and debate over issues
- Committee to take note of views expressed
- At Chair's discretion may call for a show of hands to establish the meeting's attendees' feelings about a specific matter
- All present at a meeting may speak and indicate a preference for subsequent action

Voting Rights

- A vote may be called by the meeting's Chair for any formal, identified agenda items ( i.e. not Any Other Business)
- Members may vote for if they have paid the annual subscription
- Expressions of interest may be called by the meeting's Chair and all attending the meeting may be involved in this activity. Such an expression of interest will be considered by the committee and may be brought forward as a formal agenda item for formal voting.

## **6. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All members shall pay such subscription as Shaw Residents Association may from time to time determine.

## **7. SHAW RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION YEAR AND AUDIT**

Shaw Residents Association year shall run from the 1st April to the 31st March. Once at least in every year (typically at the AGM) the Accounts shall be reviewed by the membership.

**8. FINANCE**

The income and property of the Shaw Residents Association whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of Shaw Residents Association as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly in any manner by way of profit to any member of the Shaw Residents Association. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Shaw Residents Association or the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred on Shaw Residents Association business.

**9. TRUSTEES**

Shaw Residents Association may appoint and may determine the appointment of a custodian trustee or a trust corporation of not less than three persons to act as trustees for the purpose of holding any moneys or property belonging to the Shaw Residents Association.

**10. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION**

Alterations to the Constitution shall receive the assent of a simple majority of the members of Shaw Residents Association present and voting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution shall be received by the Secretary at least twenty-one clear days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. The Secretary shall give at least fourteen days public notice in writing of such a meeting and shall include notice of the alterations proposed. Provided that no alteration shall be made to Clause 2 without the approval of the Court or the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction.

**11. DISSOLUTION**

Shaw Residents Association may be dissolved at any time by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible and voting at a meeting of the Shaw Residents' Association of which at least twenty-one clear days public notice shall have been given.

Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of Shaw Residents Association provided that if any property remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of Shaw Residents Association, but shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions (having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Shaw Residents Association) as Shaw Residents Association may, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction, determine. Such distribution should not take place until three months after the dissolution of Shaw Residents Association.