



# KNIGHTSBRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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The aims of the Association are to preserve, protect and enhance the amenities and character of Knightsbridge, thereby safeguarding the interests of its residents, businesses and visitors.

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## **RULES**

- 1 The name of the Association shall be The Knightsbridge Association (the “KA”)
  
- 2 The KA shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
  
- 3 The aims of the KA are to preserve, protect and enhance the amenities and character of the community of the old hamlet of Knightsbridge (between Knightsbridge Green and Rutland Gate);, the area adjacent to it bounded by Knightsbridge, Kensington Road and Kensington Gore to the North, Queen's Gate to the west, Brompton and Cromwell Roads to the south; the Knightsbridge thoroughfare to Hyde Park Corner, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, and other nearby areas as the Executive Committee shall designate.
  
- 4 The affairs and funds of the KA shall be managed by a Chairman and an Executive Committee (“EC”) of at least six, but not more than fifteen, members who shall all be KA members. Three members of the EC shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman and EC members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election. The EC may also appoint one or more Vice-Chairmen, a Treasurer; a Membership Secretary; and a Secretary (“Officers”) from the membership. Officers will be members of the EC ex-officio, as will the chairmen of all Committees appointed under Clause 13 below. The EC is authorised to fill vacancies as they arise. Nominations for election to the EC shall be made at least fourteen days before the AGM. They must be in writing, supported by a seconder, with the consent of the proposed nominee having been obtained in advance. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place.
  
5. Any person, family, business or other entity residing or carrying on business in the area defined in Clause 3, or who is supportive of the aims of the KA, shall be eligible for membership. The current schedule of subscriptions is shown in Appendix 1; these may be varied from time to time by the EC. Subscriptions are due on the anniversary of the date the member first joined the KA (other than Life Membership). Any member not renewing their subscription by the due date shall automatically cease to be a member and no notice shall be given. The EC, at its sole discretion, can decide not to accept an individual, family, household or company for membership.
  
6. The EC shall meet at least twice per annum. The Chairman shall have the power to call additional EC meetings at his/her discretion. Notice of meetings shall be seven days but in cases of urgency, this rule may be waived at the discretion of the Chairman.

7. The AGM shall be held annually. Not less than 21 days notice shall be given to members. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. For corporate members, an authorised representative shall be entitled to vote on its behalf. Members unable to attend can designate the Chairman or another member as a proxy. Proposals shall be adopted if a majority of those members present vote in favour.
8. A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the EC, or on receipt by the EC of a requisition signed by no less than 25 members. If such a meeting is called, the meeting shall be held within 21 days of the requisition. Notices calling an SGM shall state the purpose for such a meeting and give no less than 14 days notice to members.
9. The EC shall have the power to make appeals, solicit donations and sponsorship and otherwise canvas for funds to carry out the aims of the KA.
10. The EC shall pay all proper expenses for administering the KA and use the residue of such monies as it deems fit.
11. Any alterations and additions to these Rules shall be made at the AGM. Such proposals shall be circulated with the Notice of Meeting, and require the prior endorsement of five members of the EC.
12. (a) The Treasurer shall manage and oversee the financial assets of the KA for the benefit of KA members in accordance with the decisions of the EC.  
  
(b) The EC shall approve the opening of bank accounts for the KA. Cheques shall require the signatures of two Officers. Electronic banking arrangements may be made with written authorisation of the EC.  
  
(c) No one may materially commit the KA (financially or otherwise) without the written authority of the EC or of any two Officers.  
  
(d) Financial Statements of the KA shall be independently verified by a qualified accountant at the close of each financial year (March 31<sup>st</sup>) and submitted to the AGM for approval.  
  
(e) The Membership Secretary shall ensure that the roll of KA Members is kept up to date.
13. The EC shall have the power to form as necessary, Committees to take responsibility for specific issues, such as Planning and Conservation, Law and Order, Transport & Environment or Social Events.
14. Committee Members are appointed by the chairman of that Committee with the agreement of the KA Chairman.

15. If any EC or Committee member has interests that could conflict with the aims of the KA, such interests must be declared to the relevant Committee before any duties on behalf of the KA are undertaken.
16. Membership of the KA is voluntary and elected Officers are serving the KA voluntarily, The KA indemnifies, using funds available to the KA, Officers against any personal liability that may arise while properly discharging their duties as Officers of the KA.
17. The EC has the sole authority to propose the winding up of the KA. Any such proposal shall include a choice of charities to which any surplus assets and properties of the KA shall be donated. At any AGM or SGM called to consider such proposals, three quarters of KA members present and eligible to vote must vote to wind up the KA before any such decision can be taken.

## **Appendix 1**

### Annual Subscriptions.

Individual	£20
Family/Household	£30
Corporate	£40
Lifetime	£500