

# **PERRANPORTH BREASTFRIENDS CONSTITUTION**

## **1. NAME**

The name of the group is “Perranporth Breastfriends”

## **2. OBJECTS**

The objects of the group are:

**To promote, encourage and support breastfeeding in the Perranporth and surrounding area, we specifically aim to:**

- To support mothers in breastfeeding
- To provide a meeting place for expectant and new breastfeeding mother and their children
- To provide information, support and practical help to breastfeeding mothers in the area
- To access training for new Peer Supporters
- To educate mothers, their families and the wider community at all stages both antenatally and postnatally
- Improve the experience of local breastfeeding mothers and increase the length of time for which they breastfeed
- Liaise with other like minded groups

## **3. POWERS**

To achieve the Objects of Perranporth Breastfriends, the Management Committee may exercise the following powers:

- I. Distribute literature to pregnant women, new mothers, partners, extended family and to the wider community
- II. Be involved in antenatal education and care as well as postnatal groups
- IV. Raise funds in order to finance the group’s activities
- V. Promote Perranporth Breastfriends through networking
- VI. Source and reimburse professional services as needed
- VII. Hire and/or buy equipment and premises as necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use
- VIII. Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects

## **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- I. Membership of the group shall be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the work of the group and who actively wish to receive information about the group’s activities.
- II. Individuals who request to cease receiving information on the group will no longer be considered as members.

- III. Every member shall have one vote.
- IV. Information regarding the AGM will be made available to members. It will be assumed that any member who does not attend the meeting and who does not send information on their views to the meeting, is happy to go along with the majority decision reached by members attending the meeting.
- V. The Management Committee may unanimously and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual: provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Management Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

## **5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & OFFICERS**

- I. The management committee will consist of at least 3 members.
- II. Meetings shall be held at least 3 times a year. One third of management committee members or at least 3 members (whichever is greater) must be present to form a quorum which can take decisions.
- III. All management committee members are elected for a period of one year. All management committee members will retire at the AGM but may be re-elected. The management committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three additional members to the management committee.
- IV. Management committee members will include an elected Chairman and Treasurer.

## **6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 1. One Annual General Meeting will be held each calendar year
- 2. Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Management Committee. The Secretary shall give at least 21 days notice of the Annual General Meeting to all the members of the group. All the members of the group shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
- 3. The Management Committee shall present to each Annual General Meeting the report and accounts of the group for the preceding year.
- 4. Accept the resignation of the outgoing Management Committee
- 5. Elect Management Committee members for the forthcoming year
- 6. Extraordinary Meeting may be called at anytime by the Chair or by any 2 members of
- 7. The Management Committee upon not less than 21 days' notice being given to the members of the matters discussed.
- 8. All members are entitled to vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman or an appointed deputy shall have the casting vote

9. The constitution shall be reviewed during each AGM.

## **8. FINANCES**

The Management Committee will ensure the proper keeping of accounting records.

## **9. DISSOLUTION**

If the Management Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to close the group it shall call a meeting of all members of the group, of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Management Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the group. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the group as the members of the may determine or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose.