# Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group Constitution

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# 1. Constitution of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group

- 1.1. The name of the organisation is the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group
- 1.2. The term Ilkley Pool and Lido shall include, all land and buildings containing and adjacent to the pool and Lido, including the parking area, tennis courts, and open space owned by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.
- 1.3. For the purposes of this document any reference to "the landowner" or to "the Council" is taken to mean City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of the Pool and Lido and surrounding land. The Group will work with the landowner, statutory agencies, user groups and local residents in the furtherance of the stated aims and objectives.
- 1.4. This group incorporates Friends of Ilkley Lido (FOIL) and supersedes the FOIL constitution with the group agreeing (28/03/24) to be subsumed into the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group.

## 2. Aims:

2.1. The aim of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group is to protect the Ilkley Pool and Lido and wider site to ensure its facilities are available for the benefit of the Ilkley and wider community now and in the future.

# 3. Objectives:

- 3.1. The Objectives of the group are to:
  - 3.1.1. Contribute to securing the immediate financial viability of Ilkley Pool and Lido.
  - 3.1.2. Ensure that the local community is actively engaged in decisions that affect the Ilkley Pool and Lido.
  - 3.1.3. Develop a long-term, sustainable plan for Ilkley Pool and Lido and wider site which ensures its long-term viability and sustainability.
- 3.2. The Group will seek to achieve this by:
  - 3.2.1. Working in partnership with Bradford Council to identify changes in business practice and operational management of the Pool and Lido to maximise utilisation and income.
  - 3.2.2. Collaborating with Bradford Council to jointly provide events and activities at the Pool and Lido to increase utilisation and income.
  - 3.2.3. Partnering with local charities, sports clubs and businesses to maximise the potential of the facilities at the Pool and Lido within a broader vision for a sports hub
  - 3.2.4. Raising funds for Ilkley Pool and Lido specific projects through grants, and fundraising activities.
  - 3.2.5. Mobilising the community to access the Pool and lido and contribute to specific income generating activities.
  - 3.2.6. Engaging the community as an active user group and as an asset for the Pool and Lido.
  - 3.2.7. Running services to support the Ilkley Pool and Lido where it is more beneficial to be provided through the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group. All profits from services provided will contribute to the future operation of the Ilkley Pool and Lido.
  - 3.2.8. Developing community ownership proposals where necessary

# 4. Membership:

- 4.1. Membership shall be available to anyone who is committed to the aims and objectives of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group.
- 4.2. Membership categories shall be determined by the Committee and will include junior (under 16) and senior members.
- 4.3. The Ilkley Pool and Lido Group does not discriminate on grounds of race, colour, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, marital status or disability.

- 4.4. Membership may be terminated at any time if the Committee deems the actions or comments of a Member to be inappropriate.
- 4.5. Members of the likley Pool and Lido Community Group are entitled to:
  - a. Vote at any Member meetings
  - b. Stand for the Committee positions
  - c. Attend events organised by the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group
  - d. Receive information about the group's activities
  - e. Take part in, and set up/form working groups

### 5. Group Committee Management:

- 5.1. The Group will be managed by a Committee comprising a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, (the Officers) and other Members (10 in total)
- 5.2. The Committee shall be responsible for the general administration, management and control of the affairs and property of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group.
- 5.3. The Committee shall have the powers to co-opt a person (for example a stakeholder representative) of to be a member of the Committee and to fill any casual vacancy.
- 5.4. The Committee shall have the power to appoint any advisors each year (for instance Swimming pool and Lido experts and other local bodies)
- 5.5. Any 6 Members of the Committee including at least 2 Officers shall constitute a quorum.
- 5.6. Decisions at Committee meetings will be made by a majority vote.
- 5.7. The Committee will:
  - 5.7.1. Meet at least 6 times a year, to be reviewed after the first year.
  - 5.7.2. Manage projects and funds that meet the aims of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group, and to do other lawful things as necessary for the achievement of Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group objectives.

#### 6. Officers and their Duties

- 6.1. The Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group shall have the following three officers:
  - 6.1.1. Chairperson: The Chairperson shall be the Chair at all Committee meetings and at the AGM. In the event of their absence the Committee Members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairperson
  - 6.1.2. Secretary: The Secretary will be responsible for the preparation of agendas and for minute taking at Committee meetings and at the AGM, receiving motions and nominations for elections and amendments to this Constitution.

- 6.1.3. Treasurer: The Treasurer will manage the finances of the Group and audit the operation of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group bank account. Once a year they will prepare a statement showing the revenues and expenses for the year to 30th April as well as the assets and liabilities to be presented to the auditors (is required) and subsequently at the AGM and circulated to all Members.
- 6.2. In the event of the absence or incapacity of any Officer the Committee can allocate his or her responsibilities to another Committee Member.

# 7. Meetings

#### 7.1. Annual General Meeting:

- 7.1.1. There will be an Annual General Meeting of Members which will take place up to 6 months after the end of the financial year. All members are entitled to have notice, attend and speak at the AGM. Notice of the date of the meeting and agenda items will require 28 days notice.
- 7.1.2. At the AGM Members will:
  - (a) Elect the Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
  - (b) Elect the Committee
  - (c) Receive the Annual Report of the Committee
  - (d) Undertake any other business subject to 24 days notice in writing to the Secretary.
- 7.1.3. 15 Members will be required to form a Quorum for the AGM.
- 7.1.4. Every individual member will be entitled to cast one vote. No proxy votes will be allowed.
- 7.1.5. All decisions at a General Meeting shall be made by majority vote (apart from amendments to this Constitution to which paragraph 37 below headed "Amendments to the Constitution" shall apply). In the event of a tie the Chair of the General Meeting shall have a casting vote.

#### 7.2. General and Special General Meetings:

7.2.1. Members may call a special meeting of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community group by written request to the Secretary signed by no less than 20% of the membership specifying the business to be transacted. No other business shall be transacted at that meeting. The Secretary will give at least 14 days notice of the meeting to the whole membership.

- 7.2.2. If the Committee Chair is not available for a Special General Meeting, then another Officer or Committee member shall be nominated by the committee to chair the SGM.
- 7.2.3. The Committee may call a general meeting of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group by written notice to the whole membership, specifying the business to be transacted at that meeting. The Secretary will give at least 14 days notice of any such meeting.
- 7.3. Regular meetings and events are open to all members as are the working groups.

# 8. Banking/Finance

- 8.1. Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group shall hold all of its monies in a bank account chosen by the Group's Committee.
- 8.2. The Chairperson and Treasurer will be the main signatories and one other Member will be the 3rd signatory if required (for example if the Chair and Treasurer are related). All payments out of the account over £500 will require the signature of two Officers.
- 8.3. The funds belonging to Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group shall be applied only in furthering the Group's objectives for the benefit of the Ilkley Pool and Lido community.
- 8.4. The Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

#### 9. Dissolution

- 9.1. A motion for the winding up of Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group may be passed at an AGM or SGM by a majority of the Members present, and voting by the passing of this motion shall be subject to confirmation at a Special Meeting notified to all Members at least 7 days in advance, and convened for the purpose to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 30 clear days thereafter by more than two thirds of those Members present and voting
- 9.2. In that event any residual assets shall be transferred to a charity or charities with the same or similar charitable purposes as decided at the Special Meeting.

#### 10. Amendments to the Constitution

10.1. Any Member may propose amendments to this Constitution. Alteration will require a resolution passed by two-thirds of those present and voting at an AGM or an EGM called for that purpose. At least 28 days

notice of the meeting, setting out the proposed amendment to the Constitution, shall be given by the Secretary.

# Interpretation and Matters Not Covered By The Constitution

11.1. Any question that may arise which is not provided for in the Constitution, or where the Constitution is not clear and requires interpretation, may be decided by the Committee. Any such decision shall be reported to the next AGM where it may be amended by the Membership.

# 12. Record of changes to the constitution

Date	Para	Change

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural General Meeting of the Ilkley Pool and Lido Community Group on 17th April 2024

Rebecca Malby, Chair

Signed

Paul Stephens, Secretary

Signed

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