



Beckermets Village Association - Aims and Constitution.

1. Introduction.

The Beckermets Village Association (BVA) was formed in 2002.

2. Officers.

The current officers are:-

Chairman: John M Powe, Tel: 841626, email: johnpowe@hotmail.com

Vice Chairman: John Edwards, Tel: 841637, email: johnedwards1305@btinternet.com

Secretary: Sarah Moore, Tel: 841332, email: moores@live.co.uk

Treasurer: Alan Kiel, Tel: 841367, email: a.kiel@btinternet.com

News Editor: Margaret Woolley, Tel: 841421, email: becknews@btinternet.com

3. Aims of the Association.

- To improve and maintain the village environment for the benefit of all residents
- To make representation to outside bodies for the benefit of the residents
- To preserve, develop and create new amenities for the benefit of the village
- To seek and secure funding to be used for the benefit of the village
- To ensure the village is receiving the services to which it is entitled
- To promote Beckermets in the wider community
- To promote community spirit
- To work closely with the Parish Council in the village
- To liaise with other village community groups
- To assist in the development of young people living in the village
- Not to promote or pursue any political, religious, prejudicial or ideological agendas or discriminate against any person or group. It will listen to and respect all points of view.

4. Membership.

4.1 All residents of the village are members of the Association.

4.2 All members over the age of sixteen have the right to vote in the affairs of the Association.

5. Subscriptions.

5.1 As and when required a general voluntary subscription of a minimum of one pound will be requested from each household in the village.

5.2 From time to time fund raising activities will be carried out and/or collections will be made in support of specific project or activities.

5.3 Applications for funds will also be made to charitable bodies and other organisations for specific projects or activities.

5.4 In the event of the Association being wound up any remaining funds are to be passed to the Parish Council or successor for discretionary use for the benefit of the village.

6. Meetings.

6.1 Ordinary Meetings.

6.1.1 Four meetings will be each year, in January, April, July and October.

6.1.2 In the event of the Chairman being absent from a meeting the Deputy Chairman will chair the meeting. In the unlikely event that both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are both unable to attend then the attendees will elect one of their number to be chair for that meeting.

6.1.3 All residents of the village have the right to attend and to vote on issues as and when a vote is required.

6.2 Annual General Meetings.

6.2.1 The AGM will be held in July each year.

6.2.2 A minimum of ten members, including officers, are required to conduct an AGM.

6.2.3 At the AGM all current officers of the Association are required to retire and stand for re-election if they so desire.

6.2.4 All residents of the village are eligible to stand for office.

6.2.5 All residents of the village have the right to attend and to vote on issues as and when a vote is required.

6.3 Extra-Ordinary Meetings.

6.3.1 An Extra-Ordinary Meeting may be called at any time at the request of either ten members of the Association or a minimum of three Officers of the Association, at seven days notice.

7. Communications.

7.1 Newsletter.

7.1.2 Three newsletters will be produced and distributed to each household in the village each year.

7.2.2 All members are encouraged to contribute articles for inclusion in the newsletters.

7.2 Email.

7.2.1 All Members are encouraged to supply the Secretary with their email address if they have one.

7.2.2 Members of the Association who have done so will be informed of meetings via email and will receive a draft agenda before the meetings

7.2.3 Officers of the Association will also use email from time to time to distribute information that is deemed to be of interest.

7.3 Posters.

7.3.1 Members of the Association will also be informed of meetings by notices posted in the village.

7.4 Leaflets.

7.4.1 From time to time leaflets will be distributed to each household to inform residents of specific issues or projects.

8. Constitutional change.

8.1 Any proposed alteration to the **Aims and** Constitution of the Association must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association by the end June prior to the Annual General Meeting, or at the time of application for an Extra-Ordinary Meeting.

8.2 Any change to the Constitution approved at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting shall become immediately effective.

Sarah Moore, Secretary of the Association.
25th June 2012