



Ballinteer Active Retirement Association
(Affiliated to Active Retirement Network Ireland)
Constitution.

Title and Objectives.

1. The name of the association shall be "Ballinteer Active Retirement Association" (BARA) hereinafter referred to as "the Association".
2. The objectives of the Association shall be:-
 - a). To provide a focal point for active men and women who are retired or are over 55 years of age to meet and engage in educational, cultural, sporting and social activities, and to encourage them to maintain their independence as far as is possible.
 - b). To promote a spirit of self-help and independence and to encourage members to use their energies, talents, skills, knowledge and experience to benefit each other and the community.
 - c). To encourage a positive attitude to ageing and retirement.

3. The Association shall be non-party-political and non-denominational.

Membership.

4. Membership shall be open to active retired people and to those who are over 35 years of age in the general area of Ballinteer.
5. An annual subscription shall be decided by the Executive Committee and shall be payable on enrolment.
6. The Association year for the purposes of membership and administration shall be the calendar year.

General Meetings.

7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in the month of January.
8. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members on the previous year's register 14 days in advance. All nominations and motions must be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least 7 days in advance of this meeting.

9. Nominations for the Executive Committee, including officer posts, shall be made in writing by two (2) current members with the nominee's consent.

10.. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall include the following:

- a). Minutes of the previous Annual or Special General Meeting.
- b). Annual Report by the Secretary.
- c). Annual Statement of Accounts by the Treasurer.
- d). Election of Officers and Executive Committee.
- e). Motions submitted to the Secretary in accordance with Rule 8 (above).
- f). Any other business.

11. Under Rule 10d (above) the Annual General Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar and not less than 3 nor more than 10 ordinary members. The incoming executive may be authorised to fill posts for which no nomination has been received, or to co-opt to bring its membership up to full strength. No member may hold the same officer post for more than three consecutive years. No member shall sit on the Executive committee for more than ten consecutive years.

12. A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary within 21 days if directed by the Executive Committee or requested in writing by not less than 15 current members, stating the purpose of the meeting. All current members shall be given 14 days notice of such meeting. No other business may be conducted at such meeting.

13. Fifteen (15) current members shall constitute a quorum at General Meetings of the Association.

Executive Committee.

14. The Executive Committee, elected by current members at the Annual General Meeting shall be empowered and required to carry out the policies, administration, management, and control of the Association.

15. The Executive committee shall meet at least once each quarter. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for such meeting.

16. In the event of a vacancy arising, the Executive may replace Honorary Officers from among its members, and co-opt members as necessary. It may also establish sub-committees for a specific purpose.

17. The Executive committee shall be empowered to fix charges for services as necessary.

18. The Executive Committee and sub-committees shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Finance.

19. All Association property shall be held in trust by the Executive for the members

20. The Treasurer shall maintain a current account in a suitable bank in the name of the Association. All cheques drawn shall be signed by the Treasurer and also by either the Chairperson or the Secretary. If any of these is the payee the cheque must be signed by the other two.

21. The Treasurer shall keep an adequate record of all the Association's receipts and expenditure.

22. Prior to each Annual General Meeting the Executive Committee shall appoint a suitable member of the Association other than a committee member to verify and counter-sign the Annual Statement of Accounts.

Amendments to the constitution.

22. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a motion (in the prescribed manner) to any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for the purpose. For such amendment to be carried there must be a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Interpretation.

23. The Executive Committee shall be empowered as interpreters of the Constitution and as arbiters on matters not provided for therein

24. By affiliating to Active Retirement Ireland (AR-I) the Association, its officers, and members agree to accept the conditions, rules, and bye-laws of AR-I.

25. Nothing in this Constitution shall be interpreted in such a manner as to conflict with the Constitution of AR-I.

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Ratified at the Annual General Meeting on 29th January 2008.

Amendments ratified at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd January 2014.
(Articles 11 & 20 amended ; new article 22 inserted.)

Amendment ratified at the AGM on 22nd January 2020 (Addition of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to the officer posts and limiting the period for continuous service on the Executive Committee to 10 years.

Signed (1) _____ Chairperson. Date _____

(2) _____ Secretary. Date _____