



NOTE TO NDT MEMBERS FOR AGM 2021

Main points of difference between 2006 Memorandum and Articles of Association* and proposed 2021 Articles of Association**

In this document:

*2006 Memorandum and Articles of Association is abbreviated to *2006 M&A*

**Proposed 2021 Articles of Association is abbreviated to *2021 Articles*

This note is not a substitute for a reading of the 2021 Articles but is meant to highlight the main differences between it and the 2006 M&A

OBJECTS AND POWERS (Articles 1-13)

The revisions here are essentially the deletion of a list of historic references in the 2006 M&A to design workshops etc. These relate to the original M&A of *Space to Live* (dating from 2004) which was essentially re-incorporated as NDT. The streamlined powers in the new 2021 Articles provide for any such activities without the need for them being individually set out as in the 2006 document. The new Articles also provide updated compliance with all Community Right to Buy legislation (including the Land Reform Scotland Act 2016).

MEMBERSHIP (Articles 14-45)

Categories of membership

The new document provides for Associate and Junior members. Both new classes of membership do not require Neilston residency but have no voting rights (article 14). There is also useful provision for corporate bodies to become associate members, or if not incorporated, to nominate an individual as sole representative. This would mean, for instance, that a Housing Association, as a corporate body, could be an associate member; but that, say, a gardening club with no corporate identity (as a company or charity) could nominate a single individual to be an associate on its behalf.

Subscription (even if £0) now has to be renewed annually. This ensures the membership list is kept up to date (essential for community Right to Buy registration) and encourages the Trust to provide a service to members to sustain interest.

COMPANY ADMINISTRATION Articles 124-141

Minutes

“131. Any person may request a copy of the minutes of the company and, provided that the request is reasonable, the company must, subject to article 132, provide a copy of the minutes to that person within 28 days of the request.”

“132 Where a request for a copy of minutes is made under article 131, the company may withhold information contained in the minutes provided that the person requesting a copy of the minutes is informed of the reasons for doing so”

NB: style of minute would obviously remove identification of individuals).