

WINDERMERE/DIESSEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. Name of the Association shall be The Windermere/Diessen Twinning Association.
2. Aims of the Association:
 - a) To promote and foster friendship and understanding between people of Windermere and surrounding area and those of Diessen am Ammersee in Germany, and those of other communities with which the Association may later form links.
 - b) To encourage visits by individuals and groups to and from linked communities, particularly by children and young people, and the development of personal contacts, and by doing so, broaden the mutual understanding of the cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities of the linked communities.
 - c) To organise fund raising activities to foster the aims of the Association.
3. Membership shall be open to all persons or organisations in sympathy with the aims of the Town Twinning Association.
4. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Management Committee consisting of no less than twelve and not more than twenty members, one of whom shall be ex-officio the Chairman of the Windermere Parish Council and the remainder to be elected by the Association being broadly representative of the area.
 - The Committee shall have the power to co-opt, and co-opted members shall have the right to vote.
 - The quorum shall be five.
 - The Committee shall have the power to set up sub-committees, which shall have the power to co-opt to their membership; with the right to vote.
5. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
The Association shall appoint a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and such other Officers as it seems necessary, including an Honorary Auditor.
6. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.
7. The Management Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting of the Association between 1st and 4th April each year, giving at least 14 days notice in writing to each member.
8. Voting shall be by members present and each individual shall be entitled to ONE vote.
9. Special General Meetings may be called at any time on the written request signed by at least twenty members of the Association and delivered to the Secretary with at least 28 days notice....giving details of the matter to be discussed.
10. Accounts...All monies received on behalf of the Association shall be kept in safe custody of the Treasurer and all cheques drawn on the Association's account shall be signed by any two of the three signatures recorded with the bank account.
11. Subscriptions shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due on 1st April in each year.
12. Amendments to the Constitution shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting and details shall be given in notice convening the meeting. No amendment shall be carried unless, not less than two thirds of the members are present and voting in its favour.
13. Dissolution of the Association....in the event of dissolution, all surplus funds shall be transferred to such charity or charities as the Committee shall in its absolute discretion decide.
14. All people travelling and being given help/hospitality through our respective Twinning Association **SHOULD BE PAID UP MEMBERS**...as individuals, as members of a family or as members of a Club or Society. Membership cards will be issued annually.