

Constitution of 'Road Sense'

1. Name

1. Road Sense

2. Aims & Objectives

Road Sense aims to:

- Support the identification and selection of the most sustainable, environmentally acceptable, economically efficient and socially inclusive solutions to the transport problems of Aberdeen and its surrounding area.

The objectives of Road Sense are to:

- Support a comprehensive and thorough evaluation of all transport options available within the Aberdeen area
- Challenge the existing Netherley / Milltimber Brae route for an Aberdeen by-pass proposed by Transport Scotland

Those objectives will be achieved by:

- Coordinating the work of interest groups that are opposed to the announced route
- Arguing that the current choice of route was arrived at unfairly
- Pressing for a full evaluation of all options for solving Aberdeen's traffic problems, to be conducted in a responsible, equitable and objective manner
- Investigating and publicising more sustainable solutions to Aberdeen's transport problems

The activities of Road Sense will be open and transparent. Full and timely reports on all its meetings, activities and expenditure will be provided on the web-site.

3 Powers

In furtherance of its objectives Road Sense may:

1. Employ and pay any person to supervise, organize and carry out the objectives of Road Sense;
2. Establish itself as an Unincorporated Body;
3. Engage and pay fees to professional and technical advisors or consultants to assist in the objectives of Road Sense;
4. Promote and carry out or assist in promoting or carrying out surveys, studies and other investigations in support of the objectives of Road Sense;
5. Purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any equipment or apparatus considered appropriate for the work of Road Sense;
6. Inform people along the current route of the impact it will have upon their communities
7. Seek funds to pursue the objectives of Road Sense; and
8. Do all other such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of Road Sense.

4. Members

1. Members of Road Sense shall consist of individuals and organisations which share the objectives of Road Sense and have completed a membership application form.
2. In the event of any doubt whether an individual or organisation is or should be a member the final decision on membership shall be taken by the Committee. The Committee may terminate the membership of any individual or organisation which in their opinion does not support the objectives of Road Sense as set out in this constitution. Any individual or organisation being considered for termination of membership shall have the right to make representations to the Committee.

5. The Committee

1. The Committee of Road Sense shall decide upon general policy, direct the affairs of Road Sense and be responsible for taking action in support of the objectives of Road Sense. The Committee shall meet at least three times each year.
2. The Committee shall be nominated and elected annually by members at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall consist of not less than 6 and not more than 12 Members.
3. The Committee shall consist of:
 - At least one representative of Maryculter
 - At least one representative of Milltimber
 - At least one representative of Silverburn
 - At least one representative of Peterculter
 - At least one representative of Netherley
 - At least one representative of Charleston
4. Members of the Committee shall behave in the best interests of Road Sense to further the objectives laid down in this constitution and shall be accountable to the membership at the AGM.
5. The Members of the Committee shall, where possible, undertake their work through consensus. If no consensus can be reached, dissenting opinions expressed by members shall be recorded in the report of a meeting. If a vote is taken at Committee Meetings only Members of the Committee (excluding the Chairperson) shall be entitled to vote.
6. At any meeting of the Committee more than two thirds of the members shall be present to form a quorum.
7. Meetings of the Committee shall be attended by the elected Members of the Committee. Other members of Road Sense and invited individuals may attend the meetings of the Committee at the discretion of the Chairperson
8. The Committee of Road Sense may establish advisory groups, to assist the Committee for a specific purpose for a limited duration.
9. Any vacancy on the Committee including the office bearers may be filled by the Committee and any person appointed to fill such a vacancy may remain until the next AGM.

6. Annual General Meeting



1. An AGM shall be organized by the Committee on behalf of the members of Road Sense
2. Members of Road Sense shall have the right to attend the AGM, nominate and elect a Chairperson for the Committee from amongst their members, participate in the appointment of the Committee from amongst their members and present their views on relevant issues to the Committee.
3. The Committee shall prepare reports and strategic plans for Road Sense which shall be presented and approved at the AGM
4. Attendance at the AGM shall be open to all members and others who support the objectives of Road Sense.
5. At the AGM the Treasurer shall present the annual accounts on behalf of the Committee.
6. Decisions taken at the AGM shall be decided by consensus or by a simple majority vote.

7. Office Bearers

1. The Office Bearers of Road Sense shall be elected annually by the AGM from the elected Members of the Committee and shall consist of:

The Chairperson

To be nominated and elected at the AGM for a term of one year by members of Road Sense. The Chairperson shall play an impartial and independent role. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of any tied vote by the Committee.

The Secretary

To be nominated and elected at the AGM for a term of one year by members of Road Sense from the elected Members of Committee. The Secretary shall have a vote

The Treasurer

To be nominated and elected at the AGM for a term of one year by members of Road Sense from the elected Members of Committee.

The Treasurer shall have a vote

2. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of Road Sense and prepare the accounts for the AGM. The Secretariat shall arrange for certified auditing

of the accounts and for satisfying any reporting conditions laid down by funders.

3. The Secretary shall maintain a register of members.

8. Amendments to the Constitution

1. This Constitution shall be agreed by the members of Road Sense. Any amendments must be presented to members for comment at the AGM and agreed by a two-thirds majority of members present.

9. Dissolution

1. Dissolution of Road Sense shall require a two-thirds majority of the members attending the AGM.
2. After all debts and liabilities have been met and funding conditions satisfied any remaining assets shall be passed to an organisation within Aberdeen or Aberdeenshire having objectives concerned with environmental conservation or protection of the built environment.