

# **CONSTITUTION OF CELYN FARMERS' MARKET**

## **ORGANISATION**

The name of this organisation is Celyn Farmers' Market.

## **PURPOSE**

Celyn Farmers' Market is intended to enable local growers and producers to sell their goods directly to consumers. Consumers can expect to find quality produce that is fresh and wholesome, and sold at a fair price. Celyn Farmers' Market is established to support land based industries.

## **POWER**

The AGM, of which twenty one days notice shall be given, is held annually. Nominations for membership to the Steering Group and any resolutions for discussion at the AGM should be sent to the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

Entitlement to vote at the AGM or any General meeting is limited to one representative of each stall, or interested party.

Steering Group Members –Nine to be elected at the A.G.M. – shall be formed from stallholders, landowners, local authority and other interested parties to safeguard the interests of the producers and the consumers.

The Steering Group shall:

- a) Determine the Rules and Regulations for operation that are within the remit of the Local Authority's Markets regulations.
- b) Elect a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. A President and vice presidents may be appointed as appropriate. Any elected member who is absent from three consecutive Steering Group meetings will be deemed to have resigned.
- c) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in an office, the Steering Group shall appoint a person to fill the office for the remainder of the term. Each member of the Steering Group has one vote, irrespective of the capital or time invested by individuals or individual businesses. Decisions are taken at general meetings by a majority vote of members present ~ a minimum quorum shall be six members with – in the event of equality - the Chairperson of the meeting having the casting vote.

## **STRUCTURE**

1. Any potential stallholder must apply to the Steering Group for approval to take up a stall space.
2. If a stallholder fails to attend two consecutive markets, the permanent pitch will be offered to another stallholder. That stallholder has to then re-apply.
3. Stallholders are able to share a stall space. The maximum to share a single space is two, with a shared stall cost.
4. Collaborative Stalls
  - a) the producer of the goods on sale must attend at least one market in three
  - b) produce must be clearly labelled with the producer's name and place of business in addition to legal labelling requirements
  - c) each producer represented on the stall should fill in a separate application form deemed to satisfy the other Farmers' Market criteria
  - d) each stall may only have one vote.
5. The Market shall operate with a maximum of three stalls per product range, e.g. three vegetables, three plants, three meats etc.
6. Stallholders must apply to the Steering Group for approval should they wish to amend or add to their product list.

## **FINANCIAL**

1. The Steering Group will set the price of the stall space, which is per a six foot frontage space.
2. The stall price shall contribute towards the running cost, development of the Market, payment due to market licence fee, landowner's rent, insurance and any other costs that may be incurred.
3. Profit generated or grant aid received, shall belong to Celyn Farmers' Market. After providing for reserves for the development of the business, the balance can be distributed amongst the Stallholders at the time, through a suitable Profit Sharing Trust Scheme. Profit may also be donated for social and/or charitable purposes.

## **DISSOLUTION**

If the Steering Group, by a simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve Celyn

Farmers' Market it shall call a meeting of ALL STALLHOLDERS of the Market who will have the power to vote ~ of which 21 days notice must be given ~ stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed. If such a decision shall be confirmed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at such a meeting, the Steering Group shall then have the power to dispose of any assets held by or on behalf of Celyn Farmers' Market. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other Markets having a similar purpose to those of Celyn Farmers' Market as the Steering Group may decide. A resolution to dissolve the Market shall only be proposed at an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall only be carried by a majority of at least 80% of the stallholders present. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the Resolution. The members of the Steering Group shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Celyn Farmers' Market.

Recommendations for change of rules from stallholders (and maybe the general public) shall be placed on the next Steering Groups agenda. An Extraordinary Meeting, of which 21 days notice will be given, in which case stallholders shall be informed by post.

**SIGNED**

..... **Chairperson**

..... **Secretary**

**DATE:**.....