

# **KU17's**

## **The Constitution**

### **Name:**

The name of the group will be KU17's

### **Mission Statement:**

By welcoming young people to participate in a community focal point for social, educational, sports and arts pursuits encompassing all ages, we aim to naturally imbue a sense of "community family" values, respect for others and themselves and for their environment which they shall inherit as adults themselves.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

- To provide a safe and non-threatening environment for children's activities.
- To help children learn and gain experience, and build life long learning skills.
- To have fun.

### **Membership:**

- KU17's welcomes young people that are of high school age.
- KU17's supports equal opportunities and its services are available to all regardless of sex, race, creed or disability.

### **The Committee:**

The committee will consist of a minimum of:-

- The Chairperson
- The Vice-Chairperson
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- 2 Adult Supporters

Due to the financial support from the Kingsley Parish Council, it is required that one member of the KU17's committee is a sitting member of the present Parish Council until such time as deemed un-necessary by KU17's Committee.

Officers for these posts can stand for two consecutive years. Elections will take place at the AGM. The committee will fill any casual vacancy if and when appropriate.

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The young people will have their own committee which is made up of all members of the club. Time will be made available in most sessions for the young people to meet and discuss any issues which can then be put forward to the main committee either by representation or letter/ note format.

### **Powers:**

Our aims will be achieved by:-

- Fundraising
- Networking
- Hiring equipment/premises
- Employing staff
- Publicity

### **Meetings:**

Meetings of KU17's will be held regularly, at least once a month. There will be at least six committee meetings a year. Minutes for each meeting will be taken and kept as a true and correct statement of the previous meeting and will be signed and seconded as such. Copies of the minutes will be available to all members.

### **Voting:**

50% of the committee members will be required for a meeting. A majority vote rules.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM):**

KU17's will hold the first AGM within 18 months of setting up and then once in each calendar year, with no more than 15 months between AGMs. One month's notice will be given for an AGM.

### **Finance:**

Any money belonging to KU17's will be used for the purpose of KU17's, and will be managed in accordance with the agreed financial procedures. No member can be paid money as a profit; however, reasonable payments will be made available for out of pocket expenses, through KU17's business. Responsibility for the keeping of KU17's books will be the responsibility of the Treasurer. Signatories, of whom only two signatures will be needed for a cheque, on cheques will be the treasurer and two other members. A proper record will be available at all committee meetings.

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### **Amendments to the Constitution :**

A resolution to amend the constitution can be made at either an AGM or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Each member will be given one months notice of such a meeting, this information must include the details of any resolutions or amendments. Resolutions can be passed by a simple majority.

### **Dissolution:**

If the committee decides that it has become necessary to dissolve KU17's, it will arrange an Extraordinary General Meeting giving each member at least one month's notice and including the details of the resolution to be discussed at the meeting. If such a decision is confirmed by a simple majority of all those present and voting at the meeting, the committee will have the power to dispose of any of its assets held by or in the name of KU17's. After all the dept and liabilities have been paid the committee will offer what is left to local community groups.