

CONSTITUTION OF JERSEY ALLIANCE

1. Name:

The name of the Party (hereinafter called the "**Party**") is "**Jersey Alliance**".

2. Objects:

The Objects of the Party (the "**Objects**") shall be-

- To create, maintain and modify when necessary, a list of political Principles which are agreed to be common to all the Campaigning Members of the Party.
- To foster an alliance of similarly minded individuals who agree to the Principles laid out by the Party and who wish to apply them to political life in Jersey.
- To encourage and support the election of the Campaigning Members to the States of Jersey Assembly or to the role of Parish Connetable.
- To champion the Party Principles with the people of Jersey.
- To promote the Party principles from within the Assembly of the States of Jersey by those members of the Party elected into it.

The income and property of the Party shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.

3. Powers:

For the purpose of carrying out the Objects, the Committee Members, as defined under section 9, shall have the following powers:-

1. to accept subscriptions, raise funds, invite and accept donations, contributions, grants and legacies from third parties and organisations, whether on an unconditional basis or subject to any conditions imposed by the donor. In so doing the Committee Members must not undertake any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations;
2. to take such lawful steps including but not limited to public appeals, direct approaches to individuals or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed either by the Party to be necessary, expedient or desirable for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Party in the form of donations, subscriptions or otherwise;
3. to obtain and pay for such goods and services as are necessary for carrying out the work of the Party;
4. to invest the moneys of the Party not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may reasonably be thought fit subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided;
5. to print and publish or procure to be printed and published or to circulate or procure to be circulated (whether gratuitously or not) any newspapers, periodicals, magazines, books, pamphlets or other documents that may be deemed necessary or desirable for the promotion of the Objects or any of them;
6. to create, maintain, improve and amend a website to inform the general public, Members and prospective Members of the Party's aims, membership, activities, grants and anything else relevant to the Party's Objects;

7. to co-operate with other Parties, charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities and to exchange information and advice with them;
8. to acquire, merge with or enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other Party formed for any of the Objects;
9. to employ such persons as may be necessary in the carrying out and general implementation of this constitution and to provide for, arrange and implement the training of such persons;
10. to form sub-committees to carry out such functions as the Committee deems appropriate in furtherance of the Objects;
11. to set aside income as a reserve against future expenditure but only in accordance with a written policy about reserves; and
12. to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or necessary to the achievement of any of the Objects.

4. Membership

1. There are three classes of members:
 - 1.1. Campaigning Members who are members of the States of Jersey Assembly who have been approved by the Committee and members who have been approved by the Committee as candidates for Deputy or Parish Connetable.
 - 1.2. Active Members who pledge some of their time to help run the Party or help it achieve its objects or goals.
 - 1.3. Supporting members who solely wish to support the Party objects or goals.
2. Campaigning Members and Active Members are selected by the Committee, as defined in section 9, or a sub-committee created to be dedicated to this purpose in a majority vote. They have to be over eighteen years of age and not already members of a Jersey political party or political organisation.
3. Supporting membership of the Party is open to any individuals over thirteen years of age who are not already members of a Jersey political party or political organisation; a fee for membership may be decided by the Committee and adjusted from time to time.
4. An application for membership may be refused, or an individual's membership terminated, if the Committee reasonably considers such refusal to be in the best interests of the Party. The Member has the right to be heard by the Committee before the decision is made and can be accompanied by a friend.
5. The privileges of membership shall not be transferable and shall cease on death or on receipt of written notice of resignation.
6. The Committee must keep a register of names and addresses of the Members.

5. Annual General Meetings

1. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Party held within six calendar months after the end of each financial year and no more than 15 months after the preceding Annual General Meeting.
2. As far as possible, the Annual General Meeting in an election year will be held two months before the Jersey general elections. At that meeting the Campaigning Members and Active Members shall elect the Party's nominee for Chief Minister.

3. The Annual General Meeting shall be called by at least 21 days' notice to members. The notice shall:
 - (a) specify the date, time and location of the meeting;
 - (b) name retiring Committee Members and call for nominations;
 - (c) call for nominations for a Chair, Deputy-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the following year;
 - (d) detail any proposed amendments to this constitution, duly proposed and seconded; and
 - (e) include a copy of the annual report and accounts.
4. At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer for the preceding year shall present the annual report and accounts.
5. Members shall elect the Committee Members and the Chair, Deputy-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the following year.

6. Extraordinary General Meetings

1. All general meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
2. The Committee may at any time convene an Extraordinary General Meeting by giving at least 4 weeks' notice in writing to all Members, such notice detailing the date, time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be discussed.
3. The Committee must call an Extraordinary General Meeting within four weeks if requested to do so by at least 50% of the combined total of Campaigning Members and Active Members or 25% of the Supporting Members, such request to be made in writing to the Chair and detailing the nature of the business that is to be discussed at such meeting.
4. The Committee Members shall cause minutes to be kept in relation to all meetings of Members.

7. Quorum

1. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum shall be in excess of 50% of all Campaigning Members.
2. If such a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting or if, during a meeting, such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall be adjourned to such time and place as the Committee shall determine. A publication shall be made with at least 7 clear days' notice of the re-convened meeting stating the date, time and place of the meeting.
3. If at such adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, those Members present shall be a quorum for that meeting.

8. Votes

1. Each Member is entitled to one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.
2. A resolution in writing signed by each Member who would have been entitled to vote upon it had it been proposed at a general meeting shall be effective. It may comprise several copies each signed by or on behalf of one or more Members.

9. Committee

1. The Party and its property shall be managed and administered by a committee which shall consist of

the officers of the Party together with other Members elected in accordance with this constitution (the "Committee Members").

2. There shall be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 Committee Members who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of Members. The only members eligible to the Committee are Campaigning Members and Active Members. Whenever possible, more than half of the Committee should be composed of elected members of the the States of Jersey Assembly.
3. In addition to the officers specified in Section 5.3 the Committee may appoint such other officers as it may from time to time decide.
4. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies among the elected members of the Committee, provided that the person or person co-opted shall hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the person or persons who he or they have replaced.
5. The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees for such purposes and on such terms as shall be laid down from time to time by the Members at a general meeting.

10. Removal of Committee Members:

Any Committee Member shall cease to hold that office:

1. if they cease to be a Member of the Party;
2. if they fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee except by leave of the Chair or Deputy-Chair (save that a Committee Member may not grant themselves such leave),
3. if by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary they resign their office,
4. If the Committee by a majority of two-thirds of such of the Committee Members as shall be present at a meeting duly convened for the purpose shall resolve that such Committee Member be removed;
5. if they are guilty of misconduct or otherwise act in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the Objects of the Party; or

11. Proceedings of Committee

1. The Committee Members may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of this constitution.
2. Any Committee Member may call a Committee meeting, and such meetings shall take place at least quarterly.
3. With direction from the Chair or Deputy-Chair the Secretary will produce the Committee meeting agenda, stating the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the meeting, the place and time of the meeting and circulate to every Committee Member not less than 3 days before the date of the meeting at which the agenda is to be discussed and considered.
4. No business shall be transacted at any Committee meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum for Committee meetings shall be in excess of 50% of all of those persons entitled to attend and vote at such meetings, subject to a minimum of three persons, and provided that at least one of such persons shall be the Chair or Vice-Chair.
5. The Chair or failing him the Deputy-Chair, shall preside if present at the meetings of the Committee and of the Members of the Party and failing this the meeting shall elect its own chairperson.
6. The Committee may not commit the Party to any contract or expense or make decisions on behalf of the Party without having first been decided by a majority of votes at a Committee meeting. In

the case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote. Neither may such a commitment be made without all expenses having been funded in advance of the relevant contractual liability being incurred.

7. Proposals arising at a meeting of Committee Members shall be decided by a majority of votes.
8. A resolution in writing signed by all the Committee Members entitled to receive notice of a Committee meeting and to vote upon the resolution shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Committee duly convened and held. The resolution in writing may comprise several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form each signed by one or more Committee Members.
9. The Secretary must keep minutes of all:
 - (a) appointments of Committee Members and Officers; and
 - (b) meetings of the Members and Committee of Party including the names of the Committee Members present at the meeting, the decisions made at the meeting and where appropriate the reasons for the decisions. Such minutes will be considered and, subject to any amendment being agreed, approved at the meeting immediately following that which they record. Such minutes will be available to Committee Members for inspection at any reasonable time.

12. Conflicts of interests and conflicts of loyalties

1. A Committee Member must:
 - (a) declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Party or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Party which has not been previously declared; and
 - (b) absent himself or herself from any discussions of the Committee Members in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the Party and any personal interest (including but not limited to any personal financial interest).
2. Any Committee Member absenting himself or herself from any discussions in accordance with this clause must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the Committee Members on the matter.

13. Finance:

1. The Party's financial year shall end on the 31st day of December in each year.
2. The Treasurer shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to:-
 - (a) all sums of money received and expended by the Party and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place;
 - (b) all sales and purchases of goods by the Party; and
 - (c) the assets, credits and liabilities of the Party.
3. Proper books shall be kept to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Party and to explain the transactions.
4. All funds of the Party shall as soon as possible after receipt be paid into the bank accounts to be opened and maintained in its name. Such accounts shall be under the control of the Committee, which shall from time to time provide for their method of operation but so that the signature of at least two Officers one of whom shall be either the Treasurer or the Chair or Deputy-Chair shall at all times be required.

5. All payments of money to be made on behalf of the Party shall be applied towards the Objects as set out in its Constitution and shall be approved by the Committee except that when it is not practicable to obtain the Committees prior approval payment may be made on the written authority of two of the Officers and the payment so made shall be submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Committee.
6. The Party may appoint an auditor to examine the Party's accounts and report thereon in accordance with the law.
7. The Committee shall make adequate arrangements for the security and safe custody of all monies and books belonging to the Party.
8. The books of account shall always be open to inspection by the Committee Members.

14. Indemnity:

1. The Committee Members shall be indemnified by the Party for any liabilities incurred by them in good faith as a result of acting as the representatives of the Party.
2. The Committee Members may authorise from the general funds of the Party the purchase or maintenance by the Party for any Committee Member or former Committee Member of any such insurance as is permitted by law in respect of any liability which would otherwise attach to such Committee Member or former Committee Member.

15. Dissolution:

If the Party resolves by a simple majority of those present and voting that the Party shall be dissolved any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all proper debts and liabilities shall be given to such other Party or charities preferably having objects similar to those of the Party as the Party may decide or be transferred to The Party of Jersey Charities for its general charitable purposes provided that no resolution to dissolve the Party shall be considered unless notice in writing setting out the terms of the resolution shall have been sent to every Member of the Party not less than eight weeks before the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered.

16. Rules

1. The Committee may from time to time make rules or bye-laws for the conduct of their business.
2. The bye-laws may regulate the following matters but are not restricted to them:
 - (a) the admission of Members of the Party and the rights and privileges of such Members, and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by Members;
 - (b) the conduct of Members of the Party in relation to one another and to the Party's employees and volunteers;
 - (c) the procedure at general meetings and Committee meetings in so far as such procedure is not regulated by this constitution;
 - (d) the keeping and authenticating of records; and
 - (e) generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of this constitution of an unincorporated Party.
3. The Party in general meeting has the power to alter, add or to repeal this constitution or bye-laws.
4. The Committee must adopt such means as they think sufficient to bring this constitution and bye-laws to the notice of the Members.

5. This constitution or bye-laws shall be binding in all Members of the Party.
6. No rule or bye-law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this constitution.

17. Alteration to this Constitution:

This constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by a two third majority of those present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Party provided that no such resolution shall be considered unless notice in writing setting out the terms of the resolution shall have been sent to every Member of the Party not less than four weeks before the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered.

18. Patron

1. A Patron may be elected or removed from that office by the Members of the Party at any general meeting.
2. The position of the Patron shall be of an honorary nature and shall not carry with it the right to vote at any meeting of the Members.

19. Disputes

If a dispute arises between a Member of the Party about the validity or propriety of anything done by a Member of Committee Member under this constitution, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

This Party is governed by the law of Jersey.

20. Transitional provisions

1. Until the first Annual General Meeting the Committee shall comprise the 10 signatories to the Constitution and such other members as may be co-opted by the Committee.
2. Until the first Annual General Meeting the officers shall be –

Chair: Gregory Guida
Deputy Chair: Lindsay Ash
Treasurer: Rowland Huelin
Secretary: Mary O’Keeffe

And such other members as the Committee may decide.