



CONSTITUTION

OF THE NATURE'S VALLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

1. NAME

The name of the Association is:

NATURE'S VALLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, abbreviated as NVRA or NATURE'S VALLEY BELASTINGBETALERSVERENIGING, afgekort as NVBV.

2. OBJECTIVES

The aims of the NVRA are:

- 2.1. To look after and represent the interests of the Ratepayers.
- 2.2. To facilitate communication between members.
- 2.3. To act as watch-dog in order to ensure a just and fair treatment from the Local Authority.
- 2.4. To promote security in the township and surrounds.
- 2.5. To act as an action and pressure group when needed.
- 2.6. To promote the orderly and environmentally sensitive development of the township.
- 2.7. To retain the single residential (Residential 1) status of Nature's Valley.
- 2.8. To prevent the subdivision of Residential 1 erven.
- 2.9. To promote the sustainability of the natural heritage of the township and immediate surrounds.
- 2.10. To enter into agreements with any relevant authority on behalf of Nature's Valley.

3. MEMBERSHIP

All natural persons or legal entities that are registered property ratepayers in Nature's Valley and who have contributed to the funds of the NVRA during the current or the most recently completed financial year, are members of the Association. The contribution amount shall be as agreed from time to time at the AGM of the Association. (See sections 4.3.2 and 4.3.3).

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.1. Date

The Annual General Meeting of the NVRA shall be held on a suitable date during the December holidays. The date, time and place of the meeting shall be decided upon by the Committee.

4.2. Notice

- 4.2.1. The Local Action Committee shall place several notices giving the date, time, place and the Agenda at prominent places at least a week before the set date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2.2. Notices of the Annual General Meeting should where possible also be announced in the Newsletter of the Association.

4.3. Voting Rights

- 4.3.1. Any person interested in Nature's Valley may attend the Annual General Meeting, but only members of the Association may make proposals and vote.
- 4.3.2. The number of votes per single residence property shall be one, whether a person, partnership or company.
- 4.3.3. In the event where the person who votes is not the registered owner, then the registered owner of legal entity must annually nominate its representative.
- 4.3.4. A Member may be represented by a nominee. Such authorisation shall be in writing.

4.4. Quorum

Those Members present shall form a quorum.

4.5. Agenda

The Committee shall draw up the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting, but any Member may, at least one week before the Meeting, request that a particular matter be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Meeting.

4.6. Annual Report

- 4.6.1. The Chairperson of the Committee is ex officio Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting and will deliver the Annual Report.
- 4.6.2. The Annual Report shall where possible be included in the Newsletter of the NVRA.

4.7. Voting Procedure

- 4.7.1. A proposal shall be proposed and seconded.
- 4.7.2. Each proposal must be put to a vote. The proposal or amendment gaining the largest number of votes and thereby gaining an absolute majority (i.e. at least one more than half the number of Members present) is accepted as a resolution of the Meeting.
- 4.7.3. A two-thirds majority shall be required for the acceptance of any proposal which, in the opinion of the Committee, is of sufficient importance to warrant more than a simple majority of votes, e.g. alterations to the Constitution.



4.8. Power and Duties

4.8.1. Electing the Committee

The Annual General Meeting elects as many Committee members as may be necessary, following the proper nomination and voting of Members of the NVRA.

4.8.2. General Matters

The Annual General Meeting shall promote the interests of the Ratepayers and attend to all matters referred to it by Members at the Annual General Meeting.

4.8.3. Commissions

The Annual General Meeting has the power to refer specific matters to the Committee for their attention.

5. THE COMMITTEE

5.1. Members

The Committee is to consist of no more than eighteen (18) members, the majority preferably to be permanent local residents, to be elected by the Annual General Meeting.

5.2. The Election

- 5.2.1. Any Member or nominated Member may be nominated as a candidate for the Committee or may propose a candidate(s).
- 5.2.2. The candidate(s) must be proposed and seconded.
- 5.2.3. Out of the nominated candidates the required number of Members shall be elected by secret ballot or as decided by the AGM.
- 5.2.4. The candidates gaining the majority of votes are duly elected as Members of the Committee.
- 5.2.5. The Committee has the right to co-option.

5.3. Term of Office

- 5.3.1. A Member of the Committee is elected for two years and is eligible for re-election.
- 5.3.2. Termination of membership before the two years' term expires, must be done in writing.

5.4. The Meetings

- 5.4.1. The Committee shall convene at least twice a year, viz. before and after the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.4.2. At Meetings of the Committee a majority (more than 50%) of the number of members shall form a quorum.
- 5.4.3. The Chairperson shall have a deliberative and casting vote.



5.5. Office Bearers and Structures

- 5.5.1. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson.
- 5.5.2. The Committee shall structure itself into sub-committees each with a Chairperson, where each of the sub-committees takes responsibility for a specific portfolio, such as, Infrastructure, Environment, Treasury, Building and Development, Communication, etc.
- 5.5.3. Permanent Residents who are elected Committee Members shall form a Local Action Committee (LAC). Such Committee shall elect a Chairperson. If this Chairperson is not the Chairperson of the NVRA, then this person becomes ex officio the Vice-Chairperson of the Association. In the event that the Chairperson of both the NVRA and the LAC are the same person then the NVRA must elect a Vice-Chairperson. The LAC has the right to co-option. The LAC takes the responsibility for the office, records, any personal and all assets of the Association. The LAC is responsible for the day-to-day matters of Nature's Valley and also represents the NVRA at Council Meetings of the Local Municipality, or any other committees and structures.

5.6. Powers and Duties

- 5.6.1. The Committee, Sub-Committees and Local Action Committee are accountable to the Members of the Association.
- 5.6.2. The Committee shall keep proper record of its actions, of its finances and assets of the Association.
- 5.6.3. The Committee shall submit a written Annual Report on all its activities, a Financial Statement, together with the necessary recommendations to the Annual General Meeting
- 5.6.4. Should they deem it necessary the Committee may invite whoever they deem necessary to attend Annual General Meetings and/or meetings of the Committee, Sub-Committees or Local Action Committees.
- 5.6.5. The Committee may appoint any such person it deems necessary to perform the functions of the Association.
- 5.6.6. The Committee may rent any such premise it considers necessary to serve as an office for the Association.
- 5.6.7. Minutes of all meetings must be taken and kept in the records of the Association.

6. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

- 6.1. The Constitution of the Association of Ratepayers of Nature's Valley can only be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at an Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2. Notice of amendments to the constitution must be displayed at the offices of the Association or any other prominent areas, at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting.

7. FUNDS

- 7.1. Funds for the Association will be collected from Ratepayers on an annual basis at a level as agreed upon by its members at the AGM (see also 3).
- 7.2. The Association is a non-profit entity and is operated as such.
- 7.3. The finances of the Association will be audited annually by an auditor that is appointed at the AGM.
- 7.4. The financial year is from 1 July to 30 June, as agreed at the 2003 AGM .



8. LEGAL ENTITY

The Association is a Legal Entity and may act and sign relevant documentation on behalf of its Members.

9. ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE COMMITTEE

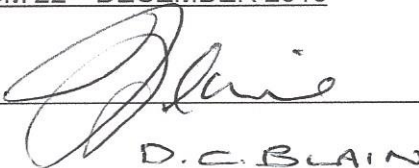
No Committee Member is responsible for any debt, loss or damage incurred by the Association, except if such action was taken without consent of the Committee, or on malicious grounds or being blatantly irresponsible.

10. DISSOLVEMENT OF THE NVRA

- 10.1. The Association will dissolve when two thirds of its members takes such a decision.
- 10.2. The Members will decide what should be done with all assets.

Date accepted by the Members: AGM 22nd DECEMBER 2016

Chairperson:


D.C. BLAINE