

Denbigh in Bloom – Constitution

Name The name of the organisation shall be **Denbigh in Bloom**

Address Correspondence will normally be addressed to the Chair of the group, c/o The Carpet Emporium, 25 High Street, Denbigh, LL16 3HY

Objectives Aims and Purposes

The aim of the group shall be to promote initiatives within the community which improve the environmental presentation of Denbigh for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors. In particular :-

- To showcase community achievements in Denbigh and promote horticultural excellence.
- To involve all age groups, faiths, places of worship, schools, allotments, community groups including residential areas, parks and green spaces, local landmarks & local businesses.
- To work with volunteer groups who wish to carry out environmental initiatives that will in turn lead to a cleaner, greener and safer environment for everyone who live, work and visit Denbigh.
- To enhance and improve the visual attraction of the town of Denbigh by encouraging the growth of plants and flowers in public areas. Some of these will be seasonal, however the group will strive to encourage wider sustainability by way of permanent planting, where possible
- To promote and encourage community involvement through projects, events and competitions and encourage participation by young and old alike.
- To encourage schools to promote the scheme and take an active part wherever possible.
- To encourage businesses to improve the working environment by the addition of floral displays and sustainable planting near to their premises
- In conjunction with Denbigh Town Council and Denbighshire County Council, develop a programme of public floral display, identifying areas most suited for treatment.
- To support the ideal of a litter free and graffiti free environment
- To develop public awareness of Denbigh in Bloom and the benefits for residents
- To promote civic pride and community spirit.
- To raise funds through sponsorship and events and submitting applications for funding to appropriate bodies.

Membership

Membership will be open to everyone who is interested in promoting the objectives of the group, without regards to disability, political or religious affiliation, race, sex or sexual orientation. The group will also include at least one representative of Denbigh Town Council to support local environmental improvements.

The group will be open to residents, representatives of any organisation or community group with an interest in environmental improvements in Denbigh that are interested in helping the group

achieve its objectives and are prepared to contribute in a practical way. No membership fee shall be payable.

Management

The group shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary from its group members. As the group is to be community led, Town Councillor members of the group should not take on the role of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary.

If vacancies occur among the officers, the Committee shall have the power to fill them from among its members, and co-opt other members of the Committee to make up numbers.

Presence of 4 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Membership of any member may be terminated, if it is felt that their continued membership, would in the reasonable view of the group be harmful to Denbigh in Bloom.

Voting and AGM

It is envisaged that the majority of decisions will be taken through reaching a consensus at meetings. However, if a consensus cannot be reached, a majority vote will be taken using a show of hands. Each member shall have one vote, except the Chair who will hold a casting vote if necessary. Decisions will be taken by members at meetings, all members of the group will be entitled to one vote at the AGM and other general meetings.

The Committee shall arrange an Annual General Meeting (AGM) to take place in November each year. The purpose shall be to receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, to accept the resignations of the Committee, to elect a new Committee, to appoint an individual to independently examine the Statement of Accounts and to vote if necessary on proposals to amend the Constitution. At least seven days' notice of the AGM is to be given to all members.

Finance

A bank account shall be opened in Denbigh, in the name of the group. There shall be four signatories nominated from the Committee and two shall be required to sign cheques.

The Financial year will run from 1 January each year to 31st December. The accounts will be audited at the end of each financial year.

The Treasurer is required to give a financial report at the AGM which will be held during the month of November each year.

The group will operate on a Not For Profit basis and shall apply all of its income/funds to the furtherance of the group's objectives.

Meetings of Denbigh in Bloom

The group will meet on an as needs basis, with meetings likely to increase in frequency at key periods in the planning of floral displays. The quorum will be required for business to be conducted.

In addition to the regular meetings each year, an Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held by the end of November, each year with the quorum required for business to be conducted. The date and time of the AGM shall be notified to each member and the general public at least seven days before the meeting. The election of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary shall take place annually at the AGM. Additional planning meetings can be held when necessary.

A general meeting of the members shall be called at any time and normally shall meet at agreed periods.

Changes to the Constitution

The rules of the organisation may be amended or revoked by a resolution of a two thirds majority of members present at the AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting called with the full knowledge of all members with at least seven days' notice.

Dissolution

The organisation shall be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect passed by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at an AGM. Following this resolution the remaining members of the group shall take appropriate action to discharge all debts and liabilities of the group. Any remaining monies once all liabilities have been discharged shall be transferred to Denbigh Town Council to be used for the benefit of Denbigh.

This constitution was adopted at a meeting held on 6 November 2018 and last revised on 13 February 2020.