

Constitution

The Pink Ladies Breast Cancer Support Group

1 Title

The Charity shall be called 'The Pink Ladies' (Herein after called The Charity)

2 Aims & Objectives

The aim of The Charity is to support its members and to raise awareness of breast cancer in the Bailiwick of Guernsey by:

- establishing contact with women with breast cancer
- establishing contact with the medical profession locally
- providing emotional and practical support for women with breast cancer and their families
- providing up to date information on approved complementary therapies available locally and elsewhere
- providing an environment for women who have, or have had, breast cancer to meet for support and social occasions
- interacting with other support groups locally and nationally
- raising public awareness of the need for being breast aware, to participate in the breast screening programme and of the early signs of breast cancer
- supporting breast cancer research both locally and nationally

3 Powers

To further the above aims and objectives the Charity may:

- hire a venue suitable for the above
- obtain, collect and receive monies and funds by way of contributions, donations, subscriptions and any other lawful method towards the Charity's activities, for the good of the members and other breast cancer patients, for lymphodeoma treatment and for relevant breast cancer research projects
- procure equipment and reference material for use by members and patients

4 Membership

Membership of The Charity shall be open to any woman who has had breast cancer at any stage in her life

5 Officers

The Charity shall be governed by the Executive Committee consisting of

- a. the elected officers of the Charity
- b. chairmen of the sub-committees or their representatives
- c. the facilitator of the Charity

The elected officers shall be the Facilitator, Secretary and Treasurer

6 Accounts and Finance

The Charity shall maintain bank accounts in the name of the Charity. The Treasurer and any other two Executive Committee members, whose signatures shall appear on cheques or other means of withdrawal, shall sanction all payments from any accounts.

The financial year of the Charity shall end on 31 October each year. Accounts shall be prepared annually, audited and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

If considered appropriate, the members' annual subscription shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting.

7 Meetings of the Charity

- a. The AGM of the Charity shall be held in each year at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine. The meeting shall be no more than 15 months after the preceding AGM
- b. The secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice of the AGM in writing to the members
- c. Other meetings of the charity shall be held at such times and place as may be determined by the Charity
- d. The Officers and Committee Members shall be elected by the AGM of the Charity and shall hold office until after the AGM next following their election. The minutes of the AGM should contain details of new Officers.
- e. All officers shall retire from office at each AGM and shall be eligible for re-election
- f. Vacancies occurring between AGMs may be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee
- g. A Special General Meeting of the Group shall be called at 14 clear days' notice in writing upon the written demand of 10 members addressed to the Secretary, or by the Executive Committee
- h. All members of the Charity are entitled to full voting powers.

8 Quorum

The quorum at an AGM of the Charity and at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be one third of the members or such other number as the Charity may from time to time determine.

9 Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution shall only be amended at an AGM of the Charity or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Any alteration to the Constitution of the Charity must receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the Members of the Charity voting in person or by proxy.

10 Dissolution

The Charity may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Charity of which at least 21 clear days' notice shall have been sent to all members of the Charity. Any assets remaining after the payment of any debts and liabilities should be given to or transferred to such other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Charity as the resolution, or in the absence of such a resolution, as the Executive Committee shall determine.

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This Constitution was agreed at an Annual General Meeting

held at: St Martin's Community Centre

on: Tuesday 9 January 2007

Signed _____ Facilitator/Chairman