



Name of this formally constituted Community Group and Association is Farmers' Market.

It aims to operate on not-for-profit principles and considers itself to be a social enterprise. It will be run in a business-like fashion, but with social objectives, whose surpluses are principally reinvested to improve its operations, or back into the community.

The office of the Association will be at.....

The location of the market will be at.....

The objectives of the Association are to:-:

- give shoppers the opportunity to buy high quality, nutritious, fresh local food and drink which contributes to their well-being, protects their environment and respects animal welfare.
- assist Kent's farmers and food enterprises to benefit from the fair trade offered by selling directly to the public.
- help sustain our communities by providing opportunities for them to come together for social contact and to to promote the markets benefits.
- strengthen Kent's economy by creating opportunities for local firms to trade with local people.
- support Kent's tourist industry by creating events and promoting the quality of local food and drink.
- encourage rural diversification by offering a 'route to market' for local produce.

Membership

Membership is open to stallholders, shoppers and other supporters who subscribe to the market's aims and objectives.

A management committee of up to will be elected by members for up to two years. They will run the market and be responsible for day-to-day operations, set standards, pitch fees, all aspects of compliance, policy development and any business development activity including grant submissions to national, regional or local funding bodies. This management Board will appoint a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, secretary, treasurer and Market Manager to assist them in running the market.

Regular committee meetings will be undertaken with Agendas and management reports published regularly.

The Association may form sub-committees or delegate individuals for the purpose of undertaking specific projects. The Association might undertake projects, funded through grants and, as a consequence, may need to act as an employing body on a short-term specific basis. All the necessary obligations for good governance will need to be followed and reported back to the management board. The Committee may invite, at their discretion, non-members to attend meetings where this is considered to be of benefit to the Association.

The Association may, at the discretion of the committee, affiliate to the Kent Association of Farmers' markets or any organisation the committee believes will benefit the market.

Financial Arrangements:

Stall fees and membership fees will primarily finance the Association.

Additional funding may become available via grants, and by other means approved by the management board.

All relevant insurances will be organised by the Secretary.

Some projects funded by grants require the work to be funded by the Association and claimed back retrospectively (in whole or in part from the funding body which may require the Association to arrange temporary finance.

The Committee will open a bank account for both income and payment for all invoices

The Financial year will be from to

- An annual report will be presented at the AGM.

Changes to the Constitution

Additions or amendments to the constitution may be put forward for discussions and agreement of the management committee. All major changes will need to be confirmed at the AGM..

Any proposals for dissolution can be proposed by the management committee or any member, and must be circulated by the Secretary no fewer than 28 days in advance of the AGM meeting, or if appropriate an extraordinary general meeting.

If the Association is dissolved the balance of the funds, after payment of all outstanding debts and liabilities (including the return of any unused funding given as grants if this was part of the condition of the grant) shall be disposed of as agreed at the general meeting.

An annual general meeting will be undertaken in the month of each year to review the previous years operations, receive the accounts of the Association, confirm the appointments to the management committee, and be open to all members and the public.