



## **ORE VALLEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

### **MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

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In accordance with its rules the Association will seek to develop a broad and representative membership. Membership of Association will be encouraged and promoted.

Those eligible to apply for individual/membership are:-

- a) anyone who is committed to the overall aims and objectives of the Association, its development promotion and who wishes to contribute to the Association's best interests.

and

- b) who is aged 18 years or more, unless they are a tenant of the Association aged 16 years or more.

Current staff and their close relatives are not eligible for membership, but may become members twelve months after employment with the Association has ceased.

Membership application forms are available from the office at 114-116 Station Road, Cardenden, and should be returned there when complete, together with a £1.00 membership fee. Applications will be presented to the next committee meeting.

Acceptance or rejection of applications shall be at the sole discretion of the Board, and will be confirmed within one week of their meeting. Where applications are rejected the full membership fee will be returned to the applicant.

All successful applicants will be issued with a copy of the rules and a £1 share certificate. Share certificates shall not be transferable.

All current shareholders, as listed in the share register will be eligible to vote at the Association's Annual General Meeting and any Special Meetings - in person or by registered proxy. Shares carry no right to any interest, dividend or bonus.

Members should notify the Association in writing of any change of main residence within 3 months. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of membership by a resolution of the Board to do so.

The Association's membership list will be reviewed annually and where a member has failed to meet their responsibilities, in accordance with the

rules, for either attendance or submission of apologies to the previous five annual general meetings a report will be submitted to the Board recommending appropriate action.

Members may withdraw from membership by submitting one month's written notice.

All cancellations of membership will be recorded in the share register.

Share receipts will not be refunded where membership is cancelled.

Where conduct of a member gives cause for concern, the Secretary may issue a written notice requiring that the member attend and answer to a Special General Meeting at which this conduct will be considered.

A resolution for expulsion may be carried by a majority vote of two thirds of the members present at such a special general meeting. No person expelled from membership can be readmitted to membership except by resolution approved by two thirds majority of members present at any General Meeting of which notice has been duly given.