

# CONSTITUTION

## Mountshannon Community Council Ltd

Established 1986

**Name-** The council shall be known as the Mountshannon Community Council hereinafter referred to as the 'Council' and shall cover the area of Mountshannon as defined in the Ordinance Survey Map and list of DEDs held by the council.

**Type of Body-** A Community Council being a voluntary body which is non-political and non-sectarian.

### Aims

1. To promote the development and welfare of the area and people.
2. To represent the views of the people of the area in matters related to
  - a. General planning and development
  - b. Industrial and tourist promotion
  - c. The betterment of the community and environment
3. To engage in promotion of the area at every relevant level.
4. To negotiate on behalf of the people of the area with statutory bodies, semi state agencies and other private organisations.
5. To hold and dispense such funds as may from time to time be obtained and used for the benefit of the area and its people.
6. To enter into and sign contracts of agreement which relate to the aims of the council.

### Membership

All persons in the locality are deemed to be members of the community and providing that they have reached voting age, which shall be 18 years, are entitled to nominate candidates for, and to take place in the election of the council. No member fee shall be payable by any member of the community. Candidates proposed for election must have their usual place of residence within the electoral area. Usual place of residence outside such areas invalidate the proposal.

### Organisation

The Council shall be elected for a period of four years. No particular office shall be held for more than four consecutive years. No member may seek the same office again for a period of one year.

## The Council Shall Consist of:

Elected representatives or representatives from each area as outlined by the council and approved by general meeting of the community as defined under 'Membership' above.

The executive committee shall be responsible for all external negotiations on behalf of the council and sub-committee; it may however delegate this authority to members of the council or the sub-committee.

The executive committee shall have the power to meet in private from time to time.

The executive committee shall have the power to convene council meetings.

The chairman at any meeting shall in the event of a tie, have the second or casting vote.

The council may, from time to time, may bye-laws not consistent with this constitution, as may consider necessary and desirable for the management and well-being (notice to motion) and passed by 50% and 1 of the members present.

An outgoing council shall hold office until the day prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the incoming council.

## General Meetings

1. The AGM of the council shall be held each year.
2. Special General Meetings may be called by resolution of the council or shall be called upon written request of at least 50 members of the community, stating in writing the reason for such a meeting. The special meeting must be held within 14 days of the written request being handed to the secretary.
3. All eligible voters shall be notified of the date, time and place of AGM or Special General Meetings.
4. Within 14 days of an election count the steering committee invites all elected members to the first meeting of the new council.
5. The council, at its own discretion, shall have the power to co-opt a person(s) who, because of their expertise or position in the community would have a positive contribution to make. The total number of persons elected or co-opted may not exceed one third of the total membership of the council.