

Northumberland Street, Nelson Street, Abercromby Place Association.

The **Northumberland Street, Nelson Street, Abercromby Place Association (NNAA)** is dedicated to promoting the community, amenity and quality of life of the residents of our streets.

NNAA covers the entirety of Northumberland Street including the North West, South West, North East and South East Lanes, Northumberland Place Lane, Nelson Street and Abercromby Place.

The aims of the Association are:

1. To determine, represent and promote the interests of our residents.
2. To develop constructive relationships with relevant public and private bodies for the benefit of our residents.
3. To liaise and coordinate with other street and community associations in Edinburgh to value, protect and preserve the special built environment of our area within the World Heritage Site.
4. To inform residents about issues and proposed developments that affect our streets and respond as agreed.
5. To provide a forum for residents to meet, both socially and formally

NNAA is a non-political organisation and is committed to equality and diversity and respect for diverse opinions.

Membership

Membership is open to all residents of the catchment area over the age of 16, on payment of a membership fee. NNAA encourages any commercial organisations in our streets to join the Association and to contribute to our community.

The membership fee will be agreed annually at the AGM. Membership fee and other payments to the association are to be used for legitimate expenses incurred in promoting the aims of the Association.

The Committee

Members will elect a committee to run the Association including a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The maximum membership of the committee will be 8 members and a quorum 3 members. The committee will be elected each year at the AGM by the members present. All members of the association are eligible to join the committee. In the event there are more nominations than places on the committee, a ballot will be held of members present. The committee may co-opt members between AGMs to assist with its work, up to the maximum membership. Committee meetings will be held as and when the Chair decides necessary and not less than 3 times per annum.

Membership of the committee is a voluntary activity and in carrying out their duties, all members of the committee will act in accordance with the aims of the association.

AGM

The Association will hold an Annual General Meeting each year. Three weeks notice of the AGM will be given to the members on the website and the quorum for the AGM will be 10 members, including

the committee. The AGM will be open to all members of the Association and the agenda will be published on the Association website in advance of the meeting along with minutes of previous meetings. Any member who wishes to include an item for the agenda should notify the Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Changes to the constitution of the Association must be agreed at a general meeting of the Association.

The Association aims to be governed by consensus, but in the event of a difference of opinion a vote will be held at the meeting and decisions made by a simple majority of those members present at the AGM. In the event of a vote, each member (including a commercial member) is entitled to one vote.

The AGM will receive reports from the Chair and Treasurer including an accounting statement and recommendation of any changes to the subscription amount for the following year. Guests, including local councillors, MSPs, MPs, Heritage bodies etc may be invited to the AGM.

Other general meetings, normally requiring a minimum of 14 days' notice, shall be called at the Committee's discretion. Should five or more members of the Association make a written representation to the Secretary, a general meeting will be convened within two weeks

Members are encouraged to check the website regularly for information.

Website – The association website shall be the main source of information. Members and prospective members can use the 'contact' page to seek information and membership forms to join the association.

Dissolution

If the Association ceases to serve the needs of the membership it can be wound up by a vote at a General Meeting. After any liabilities are accounted for, any remaining assets will be donated to a charity serving the local community in keeping with the aims of the Association.