



Introduction and Dedication

The provisions of Section 110 of the Act shall be observed by the Association, and every member of the Association shall either sign a written consent to become a member or sign the register of members on becoming a member.

No person shall be admitted to membership unless he is first approved by the Council and the Council may in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason decline to admit any person to membership.

Every Annual General Meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided fifteen members or one third of the members (whichever shall be the less) personally present shall be a quorum. This makes the number of members of Shap important, I am currently circulating stuff for Shap to 36 people some of whom have not been active for some time, active membership - including those who cannot attend meetings but who contribute via email and other messages - is I think 21. We are likely to have 8 or 9 members attending our Dec 14 meeting!

If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the Council may determine, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

Chair of Shap not a position provided for in M&A, Chairman of the Council is!

What precisely is a 'poll' in para 18 - I assume secret ballot but the provisions for such are still slightly unclear!

In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

A corporation may vote by its duly authorised representative as provided by Section 139 of the Act. A proxy must be a member. (So Shap can have corporate members - how about offering this to the Inter Faith Network?)

Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting the Council shall consist of not less than 8 of more than 40 members.



The business of the Association shall be managed by the Council

The seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Council - do we have a seal, for what purposes does it need to be used?

At the first Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting to be held in every subsequent year, one-third of the members of the Council for the time being, or if their number is not a multiple of three then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office.

The members of the Council to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment. As between members of equal seniority the members to retire shall in the absence of agreement be selected from among them by lot. The length of time a member has been in office shall be computed from his last election or appointment. A retiring member of the Council shall be eligible for re-election.

A member of the Council attaining the age of 70 years shall retire at the Annual General Meeting next following his attaining that age, but shall be eligible for re-election. - this probably contravenes equalities legislation

The Association may from time to time in General Meeting increase or reduce the number of members of the Council, and may make the appointments necessary for effecting any such increase.

Unless otherwise determined ten or two-thirds of the membership of the Council (whichever shall be the less) shall be a quorum

The Council shall from time to time elect a Chairman who shall hold office for two years and on retirement therefrom shall be eligible for re-election.

At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Council shall, lay before the Association a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account (or in the case of the first account since the incorporation of the Association) made up to a date not more than nine months before such meeting, together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Council and the Auditors