
Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

The Alice Park Trust

(Governance)

INTRODUCTION

- Creation & Purpose
- Trustee
- Functions
- Sub-Committee Members & Meetings



Creation & Purpose

Creation

1. Conveyance (19.05.1937)
2. Charity Commission Order (17.12.1960) establishes the Charity known as The Alice Park Trust

NB – The Alice Park Trust has no constitution

Purpose

- Keep the land open to the public free of charge
- Keep at least 4 acres for the use of children under 14 years



TRUSTEE

Bath & North East Somerset Council

- The sole corporate trustee for the Alice Park Trust
- Established a Charitable Trust Board (Part 2.5 BANES Constitution)
- Constitution [HERE](#)

Charitable Trust Board (Part 2.14)

- Manage in pursuit of charitable purposes,
- Manage finances and ensure solvency
- Ensure the charity acts within governing documents
- Ensure regulatory and public accountability obligations discharged
- Identify and manage conflicts of interest
- Power to create a sub-committee (Part 2.14.2)



FUNCTIONS

The Alice Park Trust sub-committee (Part 2.7)

- Discharge function of sole trustee in line with Charity Commission's Guidance
- Further charitable aims
 - Keep as free public park
 - Maintain a children's recreation ground (4 acres for those under age 14)
- Agree annual budget/accounts/business plan
- Approve use of reserves
- Receive and respond to audit findings on annual accounts.
- Receive reports on day-to-day management and financial performance
- Allow interested parties to give views on performance/direction of Trust
- Report annually to Charitable Trust Board



SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS & MEETINGS

Members

- Not themselves Alice Park Trust trustees
- Must act reasonably to ensure BANES act properly as sole charitable trustee
- Failure to act reasonably may leave BANES liable for losses
 - **NB** BANES indemnify Members and Officers against losses provided they have acted reasonably

Meetings

- Meetings are Local Authority meetings
- Meetings governed by Local Government Act 1972
- BANES' Code of Conduct for Councillors applies
- Decisions must be capable of being justified under Charity legislation.
 - Charity Commission Guidance [HERE](#)



Questions?

