

(?) THE COUNCIL

- (a) The affairs of the Coalition shall be managed by a Council which shall consist of ten full members of the Coalition who have been elected at each Annual General Meeting. These full members will have the right to vote on all issues presented to the Council.
- (b) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be five. All decisions of the Council shall be by simple majority vote. The Chairperson has the same title to vote as any other Council member but is not entitled to a casting vote.
- (c) Council members may send substitutes to meetings which they are unable to attend provided that the substitutes are full members of the Coalition and the number of substitutes does not exceed one quarter of those present.
- (d) The Council may co-opt a maximum of three full or associate members. These co-opted members will have no voting rights and will stand down at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (e) At the first Council meeting after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall appoint as many officers as it sees fit provided that they include a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairperson shall not necessarily chair all Council meetings, those present at the start of a meeting agreeing who shall chair that meeting.
- (f) Officers may be replaced at any time by a majority vote of the entire Council.
- (g) The Council shall meet not less than six times a year. The Secretary shall be responsible for calling a meeting if a date has not been circulated previously.
- (h) The Council may approve the formation of sub-committees to further the aims of the Coalition. The Council must give each sub-committee written terms of reference and must be represented on all sub-committees. Any sub-committee required to make policy decisions must consist solely of Council members.

WE HAVE YET TO DRAFT:

General Meetings

Annual General Meeting

Employment of staff

Management of Funds and Assets

Dissolution

Possibly define the Council's powers

DATE OF NEXT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, 23rd August, at 7.30 p.m.  
at 2 Hornbeam Close, Sale. (Tel. 962 1546)

Copies to: Kevin, Annette, Saeed and Anne, plus a tape of the whole constitution to date to John.

(7) THE COUNCIL

- (a) The election of the Council shall be arranged by a Council which shall consist of four members of the Council who have been elected at each Annual General Meeting. These four members will have the right to vote on all issues presented to the Council.
- (b) The Council shall be elected for a term of five years. All decisions of the Council shall be by simple majority vote. The Chairperson has the right to vote in any other Council member but is not entitled to a casting vote.
- (c) Council members may be asked to resign at any time which they are unable to attend provided that the resignation is accepted by the Council. The number of resignations shall not exceed one quarter of those present.
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WE HAVE NOT TO DRAFT:

General Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Management of funds and assets

Resolution

Possibly define the Council's powers

DATE OF NEXT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, 2nd August, at 7.30 p.m.  
at 10 Downing Street, Salford (Tel. 982 1546)

Copies for Rev. Annette, Rev. and Anne, plus a trace of the whole constitution  
to date to John.



# DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COALITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

## (1) NAME

The name of this organization is Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People, hereinafter referred to as "the Coalition".

## (2) AIMS

The Coalition aims to promote the full participation of disabled people in ensuring that they have the necessary facilities and support to live independently; to have control of their own lives, and to support all measures that seek to ensure that disabled people have the means to be fully integrated into society.

## (3) POWERS ???

## (4) MEMBERSHIP

Full members - Individual disabled people aged 16 years and over

Associate members - Individual non-disabled people aged 16 years and over  
- Organizations  
- Juniors aged under 16 years

Prospective full members should state that they are disabled, the Council reserving the right to refuse membership or alter its status.

## (5) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription rates will be fixed by majority vote at a General Meeting. Subscriptions will be due on 1st January, and if not paid within three months, membership will be deemed to have lapsed. A new member joining on or after 1st October will have their membership carried forward to the following year.

## (6) WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The Council has the power to withdraw membership on an 80% majority vote if a member is considered to have acted in a way detrimental to the Coalition, or contrary to its aims. In such circumstances the member has the right to be present when the Council is discussing his/her case and is entitled to appeal to a General Meeting.

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