## GREATER MORPETH DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMPANY NUMBER: 05676236

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE GREATER MORPETH DEVELOPMENT TRUST'S MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006 AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA ITEM 6 TO REMOVE ITEM 3a FROM THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (please see attached sheet)

CHAIRMAN

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## Agenda item 8

It was proposed by the CEO that we hold off appointing accountants and auditors as a decision had yet to be finalised on this.

It was proposed by Councillor Tebbit that the appointment of auditors and accounts be deferred to GMDT's board, this was seconded by Mark Horton and the motion was carried by the membership.

## Agenda item 6

The CEO read out a letter from the charities commission saying that we could have charitable status if we deleted article 3a. The CEO was proposing that the trust did this.

## A debate ensued:

Mr Warn raised concerns not just about deleting this article but also he raised various matters regarding the Memoranda & Articles that he felt needed a more detailed look such as:

Article 61, the decision to elect by thirds & the structure of the board. He said he was happy to support the motion to remove clause 3a if a wider discussion could be had on this matter. He was also concerned that removing article 3a very much limited our area of work.

Cllr Tebbit warned about getting the procedure wrong and the problems legally this may cause.

Kim Bibby Wilson expressed concerns that maybe not everyone knew there would be a change and was also concerned at limiting the area of benefit

The CEO stressed the importance or charitable status, said that the limitations of our working area were based on the town Investment plan which had been submitted to the charities commission. She sated that all the minimum requirements had been met to notify members and the public.

Clir Philips proposed that The AGM moved to remove clause 3A and this was seconded by Mr Warn

The CEO said the whole matter of the Memoranda & Articles needed to be looked at and that process to be done properly would take some months. She suggested that process be started by the board and that any proposed changes went to the Charities Commission first for approval before calling an Extraordinary General Meeting to debate the changes. A working group would be set up to look at these changes.

Charles Sellers said he would take the matter forward, and thanked everyone for there attendance. He reminded the room to put the concerns or suggestions on the suggestion boards.