

## **Kentmere Institute**

There have been many changes in the governance of charities and in the wording of their governing constitutions, since the Kentmere Institute Scheme was approved by the Charity Commissioners. Some of these changes should be adopted for legal reasons and some are very much in the interest of the Institute and therefore of the Parish. Most of the issues are to be considered and discussed in the Kentmere Institute meeting immediately after this Parish Meeting, but one point requires the approval of this meeting.

The Institute constitution includes a provision for various local organisations, including the Parish Meeting, to nominate a member of the committee of the Institute. This was common many years ago, but is much less so today. Other charities have updated their constitutions to remove the formal requirement, although in many cases the organisations concerned are the source of new committee members. It is proposed that this is done for the Kentmere Institute, and the approval of the Parish Meeting is therefore sought to allow the Institute to make this change. All the other organisations are also being asked to approve this change.

The formal letter requesting approval is attached.

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The Chairman  
Kentmere Parish Meeting  
C/O Pumple Syke  
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8 April 2013

Dear Sir

Request to remove right of nomination

As part of an ongoing review of our work and the governance which underpins it we are looking to revise the Scheme which provides the legal framework of the organisation. One of the key areas we are focussing on is an overhaul of the composition of the committee.

Our plans are to remove the right of nomination of each of the nominating groups. We shall subsequently allow for the committee to be elected from individuals in the community. In this way we will be sure to get people to act in an individual capacity who will attend meetings and contribute positively to the working of the charity.

You may be aware that anyone appointed to act as a trustee of any charitable body, once appointed, is there in an individual capacity and therefore is jointly, severally and personally liable should things go awry. Whilst we do not anticipate this happening we are more than ever conscious that persons nominated in the past do not always attend all meetings and but still carry personal liability even if not present at meetings where items are discussed. For this reason we are keen to update the Scheme and would be most grateful if you could formally (in writing) confirm your acceptance to rescinding the nomination rights.

If we do not hear from you within 15 working days from the date of this letter we shall take this as an indication that you are willing to rescind the above-mentioned right of nomination and such rights will cease forthwith.

Yours faithfully

Christine Hevey  
Chairman

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