

Trust Code of Practice

Wells Recreation Ground Trust

This Code sets out the standards of conduct expected of councillors when acting as the corporate charity trust of Wells Recreation Ground Trust (WRGT).

1. General Principles

- The trust must act only in the interests of the charity, not in the interests of the Council, political parties, or other organisations.
- The trust must act collectively; decisions are taken by the Council acting as sole trustee, not by individuals.
- The trust must ensure openness and transparency in decision making.

2. Duties of Trustees

When acting as the trust, councillors must:

1. Carry out the charity's purposes for the public benefit.
2. Comply with the governing document and charity law.
3. Act in the charity's best interests, setting aside personal or political interests.
4. Manage resources responsibly, protecting the charity's money, land, and assets.
5. Act with reasonable care and skill, preparing for and attending trustee meetings.
6. Ensure accountability, keeping proper records and complying with reporting duties.

3. Conflicts of Interest

- Individuals acting for the trust must declare any personal, financial, or organisational interest in matters before the Trust.
- If a conflict arises, the individual representing the trust must withdraw from discussion and decision making where required.

4. Trust Meetings

- Trust business will be clearly separated from Council business and minuted distinctly.
- The trust will respect majority decisions once made, even if they disagreed during discussion.
- All discussions will be conducted respectfully and in line with Nolan Principles of Public Life.

5. Behaviour and Commitment

- The Trust will act with integrity, honesty, and in good faith.
- Individuals representing the Trust will avoid bringing the Trust into disrepute through their words or actions.

- Individuals representing the Trust, will undertake training and keep themselves informed about charity governance.
- The Trust will treat staff, volunteers, and members of the public with respect.

Trust Undertaking

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I, the undersigned, acknowledge that as a member of Wells City Council, which is the sole corporate trustee of Wells Recreation Ground Trust, I have responsibilities as a charity representative under the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission guidance.

I undertake that:

1. I will act in the best interests of the Trust and its charitable objects.
2. I will comply with the Trust's governing document, charity law, and the Charity Commission's requirements.
3. I will ensure that the Trust's assets are used only to further its charitable purposes.
4. I will declare any conflict of interest and act only in the interests of the charity when trustee business is under consideration.
5. I will contribute to the effective management of the Trust, including attending trust meetings and engaging with decision-making.
6. I will uphold the Trustee Code of Practice (attached).

Signed:

Name:

Date: