



Forth Valley Food and Drink C.I.C.

Members Agreement

1. Purpose of Forth Valley Food and Drink C.I.C.

(Full details can be found in the Articles of Association section 5)

- (a) To make local food and drink more accessible to local people by promoting local food producers and making it easier to buy local and teaching skills relating to cooking at home,
- (b) To organise local food and drink events for local people and visitors to enjoy, raising awareness of the importance of local food and drink, celebrating the local food available and learning more about how the food is produced,
- (c) To meet, connect and support local producers who are part of the local community, through information sharing, skills learning and peer support activities,
- (d) To encourage and enable collaboration between food and drink producers and other businesses, in order to support the wider economy and community,
- (e) To encourage food and drink tourism in the Forth Valley, encouraging people to come to the area because of the quality food available, and making it easier for visitors to experience the local food produced in the area whilst they are here.
- (f) To advance such similar purposes, promote, establish, operate and/or support others in and develop any other projects, initiatives or activities for the benefit of the community as the directors may consider appropriate.

2. Membership Applications

(Full details can be found in the Articles of Association section 27)

- 2.1 The directors shall be entitled at their discretion to decline to admit to membership any individual or body applying for membership under the provisions of the articles of association.
- 2.2 Each application for membership shall be considered by the directors as soon as is reasonably practical after receipt of application form.
- 2.3 The directors will notify the applicant in writing (this includes by email) of the directors' decision as to whether or not to admit him/her/it to membership.

3. Duties of Members

The members agree that:

- 3.1 The main purpose of Forth Valley Food and Drink C.I.C. is to benefit the members and future members through providing one voice, a forum for discussion and an information source, for the businesses and organisations involved in the food and drink sector in the Forth Valley.
- 3.2 Forth Valley Food and Drink C.I.C. provides the members with the ability to operate their own businesses and organisations independently whilst also operating in a collaborative manner through the network for the furtherance of the food and drink sector as a whole in the Forth Valley.
- 3.3 Each member agrees that its obligations include:
 - 3.3.1 promoting the aims and principles of, and membership of, the Forth Valley Food and Drink C.I.C. network as appropriate;
 - 3.3.2 Using all reasonable endeavours to ensure that relevant quality standards are reached and maintained;
 - 3.3.3 Reporting to the network as soon as is reasonably practicable in respect of any relevant matters and, in particular that which may be of detriment to the networks interest;
 - 3.3.4 Using all reasonable endeavours to contribute in the agreed manner to the general running of the network;
 - 3.3.5 Avoiding taking any action that may bring the co-operative into disrepute;
 - 3.3.6 Giving notice of intention to withdraw from the network;
 - 3.3.7 Acknowledging that any failure to meet the above obligations may result in expulsion from the membership under the provisions of the Agreement.

4. Withdrawal and Expulsion from Membership

(Full details can be found in the Articles of Association section 28)

- 4.1 Any member who wishes to withdraw from membership shall lodge with Forth Valley Food and Drink C.I.C. a written notice of retiral;
- 4.2 A member's membership may be terminated by the passing of a special resolution of the members in accordance with the Articles of Association.