

Important: Extraordinary General Meeting for the Friends of Inverleith Park to be held by Zoom on Wednesday 2nd June at 7pm

Dear Member

As you know we recently held an EGM meeting at which the members of the Friends of Inverleith Park unanimously agreed that we should become a SCIO and that our name should be: 'The Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO)'. Some members who were unable to attend also sent to support the proposal.

A SCIO protects the committee members from personal financial liability should some unfortunate, unforeseen event occur during our activities. We would change from our present status as a Scottish Charity to a SCIO. i.e. a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is a legal status unique to Scotland.

As discussed we need to provide this protection as it has become clear that people are increasingly reluctant to become new committee members because of uncertainty over personal liability in these more litigious times. Many other Friends groups in Edinburgh have taken legal advice and become SCIOs.

We will send the members a copy of the proposed new constitution in the next few days and at the further zoom EGM we will ask you to approve the new constitution. The new constitution needs to satisfy the stringent requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and although it is longer and sounds more complex it will be very similar to the present constitution. The constitution is a technical matter and we would like to thank Rose Pipes for having helped us rewrite the new constitution. It has been checked with EVOC and if we have your agreement at the EGM we will then present it to OSCR.

Please join our zoom meeting - it wont take long but we cannot proceed without your agreement.

Thank you for your help with this. Please let us know if you are able to join us - we need to know so that we can send you a blue zoom link by email. Click on the blue link just before the meeting and join us. We will give you more information on zoom nearer the time. For those

who haven't used zoom - its really is easier than you might think.

Please read the constitution and if you see any problems or need any further information please let us know. If you do not agree that we should adopt this new constitution for a SCIO please write and tell us otherwise we will assume you support us.

With best wishes

Pam Barnes

Convenor of the Friends of Inverleith Park

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