REIMAGINE RATHMINES - *formerly The Rathmines Initiative*

Constitution 27 August 2026

1. Name and Representation

The name of the organisation is Reimagine Rathmines - *formerly The Rathmines Initiative* (referred to in this Constitution as "RR").

One year after the establishment of RR, the name will be shortened to Reimagine Rathmines and during that first year, the longer version will only be used when required for clarity.

2. Membership

a) At the date of the adoption of this Constitution the members of RR are: Marion Cashman, Mary Crosbie, Ciarán McGahon, Tracey Quinn, Kate Rous and Claudia Strauss.

b) It is expected that each member will attend a minimum of eight out of the ten annual meetings, unless excused for pressing reasons.

c) The members are expected to share the workload of actions agreed by the group in an equitable manner.

d) New members may be admitted to RR by agreement of a super-majority of two-thirds of the members, having been proposed and seconded by existing members, and after having attended at least three meetings on probation to gain familiarity with the workings of RI.

e) It is expected that members are ordinarily resident in the Rathmines area or have had close connections with Rathmines over an extended period.

f) The membership does not claim to represent the population of Rathmines but rather consists of an association of private individuals united in concern to promote the Objectives of Reimagine Rathmines.

3. Objectives

Reimagine Rathmines is being established by the majority of former members of the Rathmines Initiative which has been dissolved, and its objectives are the same as those of the Rathmines Initiative, namely:

a) The Objective of RR is to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life of the whole community in Rathmines, through the maintenance and improvement of the environment (both built and natural) and the public realm, and of services, both public and private, including a balanced mix of transport types, businesses, amenities and housing types.

   Issues of concern to RR may be located in its core Area of Interest, (see 3.d) below), or in the larger hinterland when they may affect the quality of life of the residents of Rathmines, or may have their origin in city-wide or national policy proposals.

   The policies of RR are set out in more detail in the Our Ideas page of the website *www.reimaginerathmines.com.*

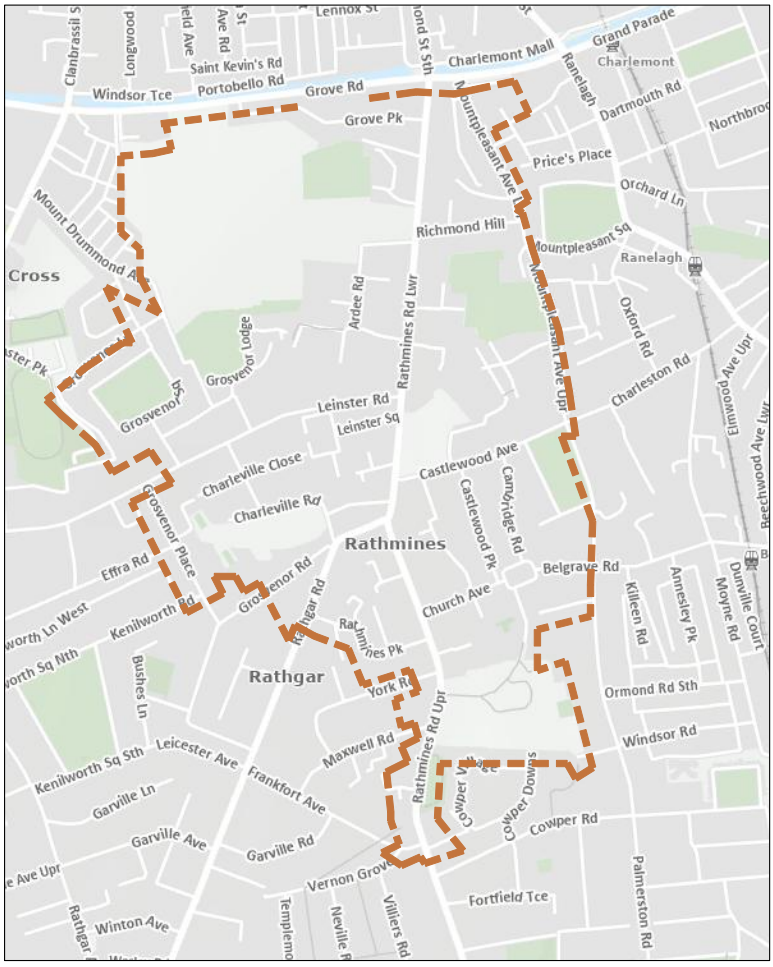
b) Operational Aims of RR are:

   - to promote awareness among the residents of Rathmines of current developments related to its Objectives; and

   - to collaborate with commercial and voluntary bodies and public representatives, as appropriate, in pursuing its Objectives.

c) The core Area of Interest of RR is the same as the Area of Interest of the former Rathmines Initiative, as shown in the map below. The core Area of Interest has been the subject of two significant reports, and Urban Regeneration Study in 2003 and a Local Action Plan of 2009, because it features a combination of characteristics unique to Rathmines, including being adjacent to the city centre, being bisected by a major traffic artery, and containing a disproportionate quantity of large historic houses which are not readily adaptable to contemporary family living, which together with other factors militates against the establishment of a settled residential community at the centre of the area.

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AREA OF INTEREST

As defined in Dublin City Council Local Action Plan, 2009

4. Organisation and Procedures

a) Meetings shall be held monthly on a series of easily predictable dates agreed well in advance by the membership, with a two-month summer recess, or otherwise as agreed by the membership, and may be held in person or online (or a mixture of both), as agreed by the membership from time to time.

b) Meetings will be convened and chaired by a Chairperson elected by the membership from its membership. Where circumstances permit, a Secretary and a Deputy Chairperson shall be elected by the membership from its membership.

c) An Annual General Meeting will be held to approve the Treasurer's Report and elect the Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer. The Chairperson in office will provide three weeks' notice of the AGM by email to all members.

d) The Chairperson may at his/her discretion convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider any matter which in his/her opinion requires an urgent decision by providing by email to all members three weeks' notice of the meeting and the motions to be decided.

e) The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the finances of the group and shall prepare a Treasurer's Report for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

f) The quorum for meetings is an ordinary majority of the membership.

g) The preferred means of taking decisions is by consensus. If consensus is not achievable on a particular matter at a monthly meeting, the Chairperson at that meeting may direct that it will be decided by simple majority vote at the following meeting. If in the Chairperson's opinion the matter is urgent, the issue may be decided two weeks after that meeting by a simple majority of votes sent electronically to the Chairperson.

h) In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

i) Those ordinary members unable to attend a particular meeting where a particular decision is being tabled may make their voting preference known in advance in writing (including e-writing) to the Chairperson, which will be reckoned as a vote.

j) Decisions involving any alteration to this Constitution require the approval of a super-majority of two-thirds of the ordinary membership, cast either in-person or in accordance with i) above.

k) Any decisions on Judicial Review require a super-majority of two-thirds to be adopted.