

Home Membership Policy

Preamble:

This policy is an addition to section 1 of the Society's Rules. As such it cannot be amended without recourse to rule 2.7c) vii).

Definition of Home Membership

"those individuals with a lease agreement for housing on the society's land, for a defined OPD plot, that is or will be their primary residential address"

Purpose of Home Membership

Home Members are those Members who are directly to pursuing the Society's objectives by living on the land.

Rights and Responsibilities

As well as the rights and responsibilities outlined in the Membership Agreement, Home Members have additional rights and responsibilities subject to the following:

- CTCH Rules and Policies
- Equity Stake Tenancy Agreement
- CTCH Management Agreement

Application for Home Membership

Applications can be made in writing to the Membership Secretary. If there is a possible development plot available the CTHC will be asked to make a plan to accommodate the applicants so they can initiate joining process described below.

Home Member Joining Process

The following process is a summary of the Membership Policy for the Coed Talylan Housing Co-operative:

1. Applicants will meet with the existing Home Members informally
2. Applicants will volunteer for a minimum of 10 days on the land to work alongside the existing Home Members
3. A CTHC meeting will be held with the applicants to discuss any issues, whether to proceed with the next phase of the joining process, and, if so, discuss the necessary arrangements and logistics involved.
4. The applicants will live in the designated development plot for 6 months. This will be their living space with access to utilities. This will include their sleeping, washing, cooking and dining arrangements. The applicant will pay the same service charge as other residents. During this time, they have the same rights and responsibilities as other Home Members as part of the CTHC.
5. After 6 months a CTHC meeting will be held with the applicants to decide whether to accept the applicants as members or extend the joining process for another 6 months (after which another meeting will held). If they are accepted as Members the CTHC will inform the CTLT

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Membership Secretary and the necessary documentation will be issued. If they are not accepted as members they will be given 1 month to leave the designated living space.

Home Members – Quorum for General Meetings

The quorum for General Meetings (as described in the Society's Rules) for Home Members is as follows:

- i. the lesser of 3 Home Members and all of the Home Members are present;*

Commitment to Diversity

In accordance with the Society's Objects, Rule 1.4 and the Society's Equality and Diversity Policy the Society will work towards creating a diverse membership.

Cancellation of Membership

In accordance with the Society's Rules and subject to the tenancy agreement

Membership Shares

The minimum shareholding for Home Members is £10. The equity shares in relation to the Member's plot are issued as special purpose shares.