

## **FAQ - Membership**

### **What is a member?**

A member is any person who has agreed to belong to the Purley Islamic Community Centre, operating as Purley Masjid ("Purley Masjid"). "Member" is used to refer to any and all classes of membership.

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Membership is a form of participation in an organisation. The level of participation depends upon the rights and obligations assigned to each class of membership. It is also one of the primary means to raise funds to run Purley Masjid and its activities.

### **What classes of members does Purley Masjid have?**

Currently there are three classes:

- (i) Directors
- (ii) Local Members
- (iii) Friends of Purley Masjid.

Other membership types may be created in the future.

### **What are the membership annual fees?**

The membership fees are as follows: -

- Local Members = £500
- Friends of Purley Masjid = £20

It is anticipated that most of the Local Members will be regular attendees at Purley Masjid and those most likely to utilise the services provided. It is hoped that the core users of Purley Masjid will welcome this opportunity to participate.

As Purley Masjid is a charitable organisation, Purley Masjid will aim to claim Gift Aid on the fees paid.

### **What are the rights of Local Members?**

They may vote on any matters where the Directors of Purley Masjid (“Directors”) have requested for them to do so (e.g. at AGMs, General Meetings or any other time).

In addition to voting, they have the right to request a question and answer session with the Directors or the management committee regarding non-confidential Purley Masjid matters at meetings specifically organised for that purpose. Typically this will be once or twice a year, and each meeting to be in the region of 30-90 minutes.

They may also potentially apply to become Directors of Purley Masjid.

### **What are the rights of Friends of Purley Masjid?**

As with other members of the community, the Friends of Purley Masjid can register to be regularly kept up to date with details of activities and events relating to Purley Masjid by email and directly to their mobile device.

They may also be permitted to attend and speak at AGMs, but shall not have voting rights. They may also potentially apply to become Directors of Purley Masjid.

### **What matters are Directors obligated to present to members at meetings?**

The Directors have discretion as to what they present, however there are no specific matters that the Directors are obliged to present to the members.

In general, the Directors propose a course of action and the members may have the opportunity to express their opinion on it verbally. In the case of Local Members, if directed by the Chairperson of the meeting, they can vote on an issue.

All final decisions then rest with the Directors.

### **Is there an automatic right to have elections for Directors?**

No, it only happens if either the Directors request it prior to the meeting, or if the Chairman requests it at the meeting.

### **What is the minimum criteria for membership?**

The Membership Form summarises the minimum criteria for membership.

### **How do I become a member?**

Membership is by application only, using the online Membership Form and paying the appropriate fee. You will be required to provide both proof of ID and address.

### **How long is my membership for?**

Membership is valid until December 31st and has to be applied for annually.

### **Can my membership be transferred to someone else?**

Membership is not transferrable. Each individual must apply for the relevant membership separately.

### **Can my membership be refused?**

Yes, the Directors may refuse an application if the criteria is not met or the procedure not followed or the payment is received late or deadlines not met.

The Directors may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interest of Purley Masjid to refuse the application.

### **How will I be notified if my application is refused?**

The Directors must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within fourteen (14) days of the deadline for application submissions.

### **Can I appeal the decision if I think the decision is not correct?**

The Directors will consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Directors' decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

### **Can I cancel my membership?**

Members can terminate their membership by giving written notice to resign, however the membership fee is not refundable.

### **Can Purley Masjid cancel my membership?**

A membership can be cancelled by resolution of the Directors they consider to be in the best interest of Purley Masjid that his or her membership is terminated.

Directors would have to give twenty-one (21) days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Directors at which the resolution will be processed and the reasons why it is to be proposed. The member or their representative will be allowed to make representations to the meeting and this has been considered.

Membership is also terminated upon death of an individual.