

## Sample Charge

A charge is read out at the beginning of every meeting.

Not many organisations use a charge, but those that do find it beneficial to set the scene for each meeting.

To be read aloud by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting

*I declare this meeting open and welcome you all here.*

*We come together in this meeting for purpose of sharing information for the benefit of us all and the people we represent.*

*We also come to make decisions and we strive to make the best possible decisions for all of our stakeholders.*

*We will be respectful of each other in all of our interactions.*

*We come in a spirit of compromise so that we can make meaningful and beneficial decisions and we recognise that it is through a spirit of compromise that we will move forward and progress our cause and our interests and those of all of our stakeholders.*

*May this meeting serve to bring forth the collective knowledge, experience, awareness and most importantly, the wisdom of every person here.*