

# **HARROGATE FILM SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

## **1. NAME**

The Society shall be known as the Harrogate Film Society, referred to here as "The Society".

## **2. OBJECTS**

The objects of The Society are:

(a) To advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of film.

(b) To encourage interest in film as an art form and as a medium for public education and for the distribution of information, by the screening of films of artistic, cultural or scientific character, and of contrasting genres, from a variety of countries.

(c) To promote the study and appreciation of films by such means as lectures, discussions and exhibitions.

(d) Such lectures, discussions and exhibitions shall be open to the public, unless contractual requirements restrict to members only.

## **3. Membership**

(a) Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone 16 years of age and over, on payment of the current fee and at the discretion of the committee.

(b) The annual subscription shall be set by a proposal at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to attendance at all film screenings and related meetings, including social events which The Society may from time to time organise. Members under the age of 18 cannot attend films rated "18" by the British Board of Film Classification.

(d) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to one vote at Annual or other General meetings.

## **4. Management**

(a) The business of The Society shall be managed by a Committee of at least 6 members and no more than 13. The Committee will consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary and other such Officers as may from time to time be appointed.

(b) The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until their successors are elected at the next AGM.

(c) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be 5 and there should be at least 4 meetings in a year.

(d) The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year. A Special General meeting may be called at any time by the Committee, or on written request being made to the Committee signed by at least 12 members.

(e) The quorum for General Meetings shall be 15 members.

(f) The Society shall be non-political and it shall not espouse the cause of any political party.

(g) The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a member or members. Any balance at the end of the financial year shall be carried over and devoted to the Objects of The Society.

(h) No members or committee members shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for The Society.

(i) Accounts will be produced annually and inspected by an independent person.

(j) The Society shall not be wound up except by a Resolution of 75% of those present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up, the remaining funds of The Society shall not be distributed amongst the Members but rather will be passed to a non-profit making organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of The Society. Such organisations shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies.

## **5. Alteration of the Rules**

No alteration of the rules shall be made except by a resolution of 67% of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made which would cause The Society to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.

HFS Committee  
11 March 2019

Approved at the 2019 AGM by the membership.