

ABERGAVENTNY ART GROUP – CONSTITUTION

GENERAL:

- 1) The Society shall be known as the Abergavenny Art Group (AAG)
- 2) The AAG shall be non party political and non sectarian.
- 3) The objectives of the AAG shall be:-
 - a) To bring together all who are interested in visual art in the district.
 - b) To provide facilities for the practice of Art.
 - c) To cultivate an appreciation of Art by arranging exhibitions, lectures, discussions, criticisms and demonstrations.

MEMBERSHIP:

- 4) The Annual Subscription for the period 1 June to 31 May is due on or before the 1 June each year, at a rate to be determined by the Committee.
- 5) AAG members who have promoted the objectives of the AAG by giving service may be invited, by the Committee, to become Life Members and become exempt from annual subscriptions.
- 6) No member, whose subscription is in arrears, shall be allowed to exhibit at any of the AAG's Exhibitions.
- 7) The Committee is empowered to reduce the subscription for the current year of any new members who join the AAG after the half year.
- 8) Any donations or other monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall only be applied in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

- 9) The business of the AAG shall be conducted by a Committee of Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 10) The Committee will comprise the following: President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Programme Organiser and four other members.
- 11) The Committee shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election at the AGM.
- 12) The election or removal of Officers or Committee Members may only be carried out by a General Meeting of the AAG. The Committee may temporarily fill any vacancy arising among the Officers of the Group from its other members until the next General Meeting of members.
- 13) The AAG may elect Vice-Presidents as thought fit.

FINANCE:

- 14) The financial year shall end on 31st March. The Accounts shall be duly audited by accountants appointed by the AAG Committee. The Accounts of the AAG shall be kept by the Treasurer who shall be in charge of the banking account. Cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairperson or other authorised Committee member.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 15) The Committee shall meet as required but not less than four (4) times per year. If a member of the AAG wishes to attend a Committee meeting a request should be formally submitted to the Secretary of the Committee and that member may be invited to attend.
- 16) Four (4) shall be a quorum for Committee meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 17) The Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the AAG each year in the month of May. Not less than twenty eight (28) days notice of the AGM shall be given to all members and all

those eligible for membership, together with a form of application for membership.

- 18) The quorum for the AGM shall be ten members ten (10) members or one third of the membership whichever is the lesser.
- 19) At the Annual General Meeting:-
 - a) The Committee shall present an Annual Report of the AAG
 - b) The Committee shall present the audited accounts of the AAG for the previous year.
 - c) The Officers and Committee for the ensuing year shall be elected.
 - d) Any proposals submitted to the Secretary in writing but not less than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting shall be discussed.
 - e) All decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of full members present. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson will have a casting vote.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 20) The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting at the request of a majority of the Committee; or on receipt of a written petition by not less than a third of the membership of the AAG, giving reasons for their request. The Secretary shall give not less than seven (7) days notice of the holding of a Special General Meeting, which shall take place within twenty one (21) days of the receipt of the request or petition. Decisions will be taken on the same basis as at the Annual General Meeting.
- 21) The quorum for all Special General Meetings shall be at least ten (10) members or one third of the membership of the AAG, whichever is the lesser.
- 22) If circumstances arise which prohibit the holding of the Annual General Meeting (such as a global pandemic) the incumbent Committee should stay in office until such time that a General Meeting shall be held.
- 23) If, for what ever reason, the Committee decide that the AAG should be dissolved, they shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice to all those eligible for membership of a Special General Meeting (SGM) at which the matter shall be discussed. For the sole purpose of dissolution a quorum need not apply, the AAG may be dissolved by a two thirds majority of those present at the SGM. The assets financial and otherwise, remaining when the AAG has satisfied its liabilities shall be applied for such purposes of benefit to the community as the SGM shall decide.
- 24) If for what ever reason the elected Committee ceases to exist, any ten (10) members of the AAG could put forward a petition that the AAG should be dissolved. They shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice to all those eligible for membership of a Special General Meeting (SGM) at which the matter shall be discussed. Action should then proceed as in paragraph 23.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- 25) No rule of the AAG shall be altered or repealed and no new rule shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.
- 26) Any proposal to alter the constitution must be submitted to the Secretary not less than twenty eight (28) days before the meeting at which it is to be discussed. Not less than fourteen (14) days notice shall be given of such a meeting, together with the wording of the proposed alteration(s). Any alteration shall require the approval of two thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.
- 27) Any question arising not provided for in the rules, shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final.