



Wigton Theatre Club

Revised Constitution March 2019

Clause 1.

The name of the Society shall be Wigton Theatre Club. It shall be purely voluntary and non-profit making.

Clause 2.

The objects of the Society are to promote, maintain, improve and advance public education by promoting and encouraging the performing arts; to develop public appreciation of the art of drama by offering the people of Wigton and the surrounding area a varied, accessible and affordable programme of live drama and music, in a welcoming and comfortable environment.

Clause 3.

The Government of the Society shall be by a Committee elected at an Annual General Meeting to be held as soon as possible after the last day of the Wigton Theatre Club financial year which is 31st July but no later than fifteen months after the previous Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of an Executive Committee, of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a minimum of five other members. The roles of individual committee members to be determined by the committee at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt society members to the committee for specific purposes only. Co-opted members shall have full voting powers for the period of their office.

Clause 4.

Four days' notice shall be given to convene an Executive Committee Meeting.

Clause 5.

The General Meeting shall elect the following principle officers, by ballot if necessary: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer

Clause 6.

Decisions of all Committees, including sub-committees, shall be by a majority vote, save Clause 19, the Chairman having a casting vote where necessary. A quorum of sixty per cent of the committee shall be required by the Committee.

Clause 7.

With the exception of Clause 15, a minimum of six members may demand an Extraordinary General Meeting provided that they state their reasons, in writing, to the Chairman. At least seven days' notice, in writing, together with the agenda shall be given to all members.



Clause 8.

The Committee shall appoint Social and other sub-committees as and when necessary. The Chairman shall be ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

Every sub-committee shall have a representative, in addition to the Chairman, who is also a member of the Committee. Every meeting of sub-committees shall be properly minuted and all acts and proceedings of sub-committees shall be fully and promptly reported back to the Committee.

Clause 9.

Any member of the Society may submit or recommend plays through the Committee.

Clause 10.

At the Annual General Meeting the Executive Committee shall present a full report and financial statement upon the previous years working, together with a suggested programme for next season.

Clause 11.

At any time the Executive Committee shall have the right, for good and sufficient reason, to reject an application for membership or to suspend or expel a member, but suspension or expulsion shall only be applied where conduct seriously detrimental to the well being of the Society is definitely proved against a member who shall have the right to demand a hearing at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society which may overrule the Executive Committee. In any event, no member may be suspended or expelled at any meeting of the Committee unless two thirds of the membership present at such a meeting shall vote in favour of such action. In the event that the Executive Committee rejects a membership application, then that person shall have a right to be heard by the Executive Committee before a final decision on rejection is made.

Clause 12.

The membership of the Society shall comprise of Individual and Family Membership.

Clause 13.

Membership subscriptions shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting each year and shall be payable by new members on enrolment and not later than 31st March each year. Membership will run from January 1st to December 31st

Clause 14.

All income of the Society shall be applied solely to the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Society, which shall remain a purely voluntary society with unpaid officials and officers.

**Clause 15.**

The Society may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose, of which twenty one days' notice shall have been given to the members. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Society, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Society as the Society may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision, then to some other charitable purpose.

Clause 16.

Cooperation shall be sought with all external bodies, governments, societies and committees furthering the study of musical and dramatic works and productions if appropriate.

Clause 17.

The Committee shall endeavour to promote courses of study and social events which further the objects of the Society.

Clause 18.

Any complaint, by any member on any aspect of the Society's activities shall be brought to the notice of the Executive Committee forthwith.

Clause 19.

Alteration to this constitution shall receive the consent of the majority of the members present and voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting.

A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Society at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward.

At least fourteen days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed: Provided that no alteration to Clause 2, Clause 15, or this Clause shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a charity in law.