

BROUGHTY FERRY ART SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION -Amended October 2024

Aim

The aim of the Society is to promote an interest in the visual arts in Broughty Ferry and surrounding area.

Objectives

1. The encouragement of the practice of art among its members
2. The cultivation of the talents of its Members in all branches of the visual arts
3. Assist in or be associated with the preservation of such art as may be of local interest
4. Encourage the exhibition of Members' work
5. Strive to encourage awareness in the youth of Broughty Ferry in the visual arts

Membership

1. *Ordinary* Membership will be open to all in Broughty Ferry and surrounding areas interested in the aims and objectives of the Society
2. *Honorary* Membership may be awarded to persons who have given distinguished service to the Society, if approved at the AGM

Subscription

The Annual Subscription and Enrolment Fee will be arranged by the Members at the AGM, payment being due at the commencement of each session in September

Office Bearers and Committee

1. Office Bearers will consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer
2. In the event that no treasurer is elected, BFAS will pay for outside services to maintain BFAS accounting records, they will not be required to be a committee member in this instance
3. Other roles will be filled in order to meet the objectives of the society and while it is hoped that they will take a position on the committee, it is not essential
4. The committee including the Office Bearers will consist of at least 6 members but no more than 12
5. Office bearers will serve for 3 years and be eligible for re-election
6. Members may be co-opted for specific duties by the Committee where deemed necessary

Committee

1. The full committee will consist of these Office Bearers together with the immediate past President and not more than 6 other elected members
2. In the event of a Member being co-opted to fill a vacancy of less than 3 years duration, such member will be eligible for re-election
3. The Committee will have the discretionary power to deal with any matters not provided for in the Constitution
4. Committee meeting's quorum will consist of 5 Committee Members

Website

1. The website is designed to promote the organisation, exhibition and sale of members' artwork
2. All sales via the website will incur a commission charge in line with current practice at the annual exhibition, presently 20%
3. There will be no charge to submit original artwork whether or not it has already been displayed at the annual exhibition
4. Members are invited to submit articles to the Website

Audit

1. The accounts will be closed at 31 August each year and audited for presentation to the AGM at which the Auditor for the ensuing year will be elected

Annual General Meetings (AGM)

1. The AGM will be held in October each year at which Office Bearers and Committee Members for the ensuing year will be elected.
2. A quorum will consist of 20 Members
3. A minimum of 14 days notice is required to call the AGM
4. The call for nominations of Office Bearers and Committee Members shall be circulated to all Members of the Society together with Agenda, Treasurer's Report 14 days prior to the AGM

Extraordinary General Meeting

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called and motions advised with 7 days prior notice.
2. 20 members are required for a quorum

Exhibitions

1. The Committee will be empowered to organise exhibitions of the Members' works
2. A commission of 20% of any resulting sales will be paid to the Society
3. An annual exhibition will be held in July
4. Non-members may only exhibit at the invitation of the Committee
5. Any other exhibition organised by the committee will be for Members of the Society, but the committee, at their discretion, may invite non-members to submit work

The Constitution

1. The Constitution will be available for inspection by any member of the Society.
2. Alterations to the Constitution can only be made by a decision of two thirds of the members present at a General meeting
3. Any alterations must be received by the Secretary, in writing, not less than 14 days before that meeting
4. The notice shall be included in the circulated agenda for the meeting

Dissolution

1. If the Committee, by a majority, decides that, on the grounds of expense or otherwise, it is necessary to dissolve the Society, it shall call an Extraordinary Meeting, stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed.
2. If the decision is confirmed by two thirds majority present, the Committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held on behalf of the Society.
3. Any assets remaining after satisfaction of debts or liabilities, shall be given or transferred to a charitable organisation or an organisation having similar objectives to the Society as the Committee may determine.
4. None of the Society's assets may be distributed at any other time except to further its charitable purposes.