

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Amended at the 58th A.G.M. on 17th April 2023

1. NAME

The name of the Society will be Kingston upon Hull Civic Society, but will be known for practical purposes as Hull Civic Society.

2. OBJECTS

The Society shall promote and encourage the following objects by charitable means but not otherwise and shall pursue these ends by means of meetings, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction, publicity and action:

- (a) **High standard of architecture and town planning in Kingston upon Hull and the surrounding districts.**
- (b) **Public interest in, and care for the beauty, history and character of the area of the city and its surroundings.**
- (c) **The preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.**

3. PATRONS

At the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Society, not more than three persons may be invited to become Patrons of the Society.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid six months after it is due.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription rates shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

6. MEETINGS

Meetings will normally be held in person, but may be held by video-conferencing or a hybrid of these two forms if necessary, but not by email.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held before 30th September to receive the Executive Committee's Report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall decide the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall give at least 14 days' notice of the meeting to all members. Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the request of the Executive Committee or of twenty one or more members giving notice in writing. The President (if one has been appointed), or another member approved by the Executive Committee shall take the Chair at the Annual General Meeting and at Special General Meetings. Twenty five members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a Meeting of the Society.

7. OFFICERS

Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be in writing supported by a seconder and the consent of the nominee must first have been obtained. The election of Officers shall be completed before the election of further Committee members. The Officers of the Society shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Auditors all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A President may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society.

8. COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, and not more than TEN further members. All members of the Executive Committee are Trustees. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity). The President may attend meetings of the Executive Committee but may not vote at such meetings.

In the event of an equality of votes on any given issue, the Chairman has the casting vote.

Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. They must be in writing, supported by a seconder, and the consent of the nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot shall take place. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Society, and may take decisions on its behalf. Members may be consulted on major decisions at the discretion of the Executive Committee. A quorum for Meetings of the Executive Committee shall consist of five members.

9. APPEALS

The Executive Committee shall have the power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass for carrying out the objects of the Society.

10. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Committee shall, out of the monies received by the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue of such monies as it thinks fit for or towards the objects of the Society.

11. All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its objects shall be invested by the Executive Committee upon such investments securities or property as it may think fit but so that monies subject to or representing property and subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners or of the Minister of Education shall only be invested in such securities as may for the time being be prescribed in law.

12. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and providing that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment permitting the expenditure of funds of the Society on any object which is not a charitable object.

13. WINDING UP

In the event of the winding up of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable bodies as may be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.