



## Constitution

### 1. Name

The club shall be known as Cowes Film Club and referred to as the Club.

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club are to:

2.1 Educate the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts particularly the art of film and allied visual techniques.

2.2 Encourage interest in film as an art form and as a medium for public education and for the distribution of information, by means of the exhibition of films of artistic, cultural or scientific nature.

2.3 Extend the reach of cinema as an entertainment to the residents of Cowes and its surrounding areas and to promote a safe and healthy environment for members of our community to enjoy what we have to offer.

2.4 Encourage the community to become actively involved.

### 3. Membership

3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone over the age of 16 on payment of the current fee at the discretion of the committee. Membership of the Club shall entitle the holder to one vote at Annual or other General meetings.

3.2 Membership of the Club shall entitle the holder to attendance of all films and meetings, as allowed by film classification.

3.3 Non-members of the Club may be admitted to films shown as allowed by film classification.

3.4 The cost of admission to be decided by the committee.

3.5 The committee reserved the right to exclude admission to the Club due to discriminatory or harassing behaviour under our equality policy.

3.6 All Club members agreed to adhere to the policies set by the film club available on our website: [cowesfilmclub.com](http://cowesfilmclub.com)

### 4. Management

4.1 The Club shall be managed by the committee comprising of at least five members and no more than 8 who will serve for one year at a time. Those on the committee may seek a further term by putting themselves forward for election at the next annual General meeting.



4.2 The Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other Officers as may, from time to time, be appointed.

4.3 Vacancies arising on the committee at the same time will be filled through a separate election at the Annual General Meeting. In the case of more candidates than there are vacancies selection is by the process of a simple ballot.

4.4 The committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies by co-option between Annual General Meetings.

4.4 The Club shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year giving 21 days' notice. A Special Meeting may be called by the committee or upon written request to the committee signed by at least 10 members.

4.6 The quorum for General Meetings shall be 5 members and 50% of the committee members.

4.7 The Club shall be non-political i.e. it shall not espouse the cause of any political party.

4.8 The Club shall not be run for the private profit of members and any balance at the end of the year should be carried over and devoted to the objectives of the Club. Accounts will be produced annually.

4.9 No member or committee member shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for the Club.

4.10 The Club shall not be wound up except by resolution of 75% of those present at Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up any remaining funds shall not be distributed to the members but passed to a charitable or not-for-profit organisation or organisations within the parish of Cowes to be decided upon by the committee.

## **5 Alteration of rules**

No alteration of 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 Club to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2025