

THE ARTS SOCIETY FYLDE.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION & RULES OF
THE ARTS SOCIETY FYLDE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 1pm
ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE LOWTHER PAVILION.**

Dear Member

The changes we are proposing and are asking you to vote for at the AGM are outlined below.
The Constitution & Rules were last amended and approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 3rd May 2017. Further updates are considered necessary following completion of the evaluation of the Pilot; changes in legislation and a proposal approved at the AGM 7th February 2018.
The amended Constitution & Rules is based on the current template [2018-19] produced by The Arts Society Office.

Proposals

<u>Number</u>	<u>Clause as current</u>	<u>Amended clause proposed.</u> <i>[Changes in bold].</i>	<u>Notes</u>
3d	<u>Powers.</u> To arrange voluntary preservation & recording work by its members in relation to the <i>decorative</i> & fine arts	To arrange voluntary preservation & recording work by its members in relation to the arts.	Embrace wider concept of 'the arts'. New branding of TAS.
5a	<u>The Officers</u> The Officers of the Society shall be the Chairman, the Vice- Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary, all of whom shall be nominated annually by the Committee for election at the AGM. Neither the Chairman, nor the Vice- Chairman may normally hold office in such post for more than three consecutive years. The Treasurer & the Secretary shall not normally hold office for more than three years but the Committee may extend this to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.	The Officers of the Society shall be the Chairman, the Vice- Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary, all of whom shall be nominated annually by members for election at the AGM. To be eligible for election members must have belonged to the Society for a minimum of two years. Neither the Chairman, nor the Vice-Chairman may normally hold office in such post for more than three consecutive years. The Treasurer & the Secretary shall not normally hold office for more than three years but the Committee may extend this to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.	Implementation of proposal approved at AGM [& February 2018] to enable nominations to be representative of whole membership. Duration of 2 years membership ensures degree of familiarity with Society's ethos and ways of working.
6i	<u>Committee.</u> The Committee shall meet as required and not less than four times each year. A quorum shall consist of over one half of the number of elected members of the Committee, one of whom should be an Officer. [The committee may wish to invite representatives of volunteering activities—eg. Church Recorders, Heritage Volunteers, Young Arts etc----to be ex-officio non-voting members of the Committee or ask them to attend at regular intervals.	The Committee shall meet as required and not less than four times each year. A quorum shall consist of over one half of the number of elected members of the Committee, one of whom should be an Officer. The Committee may invite members involved in any volunteering activities to be ex-officio non-voting members of the Committee or ask them to attend at regular intervals.	Clarification of 'volunteering'. Facilitate joint working between Committee Members & Team Leaders/volunteers leading to enhancement. Important in succession planning.

7a	<u>Finance</u> The Society's financial year shall end on 31 st July in every year. There will be a 'transition year' of 19 months from 1 st January 2012 to 31 st July 2013.	The Society's financial year shall end on 31 st July in every year.	Deletion part of updating.
7b	<u>Finance</u> An Independent Financial Examiner shall be appointed at the AGM whose duties shall be to examine and report on the annual accounts of the Society for submission to the members. The first Examiner shall be appointed by the Committee.	An Independent Financial Examiner shall be appointed at the AGM whose duties shall be to examine and report on the annual accounts of the Society for submission to members.	Deletion part of updating.
8a	<u>Subscription.</u> The subscription for Ordinary Members of the Society shall be such a sum as may be determined by the Committee from time to time. The first payment shall be due on election to membership, or 1 st July whichever is the earlier and thereafter annually on 1 st August in every year	The subscription for Ordinary Members of the Society shall be such as may be determined by the Committee from time to time. The first payment shall be due on election to membership and thereafter annually by 1st July.	Encourage early payment of subscriptions to enable management of recruitment activities & programme.
Title & 11a	<u>Members' Addresses & Data Protection Act.</u> Members' details will be processed fairly and lawfully and in accordance with the Society's legitimate activities.	<u>Members' Addresses & Data Protection.</u> Members' details will be processed fairly and lawfully and in accordance with the Society's legitimate activities. Information and data will be kept confidentially and conformity to relevant legislation & associated regulations will be respected at all times. Members wishing to be excluded from the Society's database should inform the Membership Secretary.	Updating & conformity to legislation.
Interpretation	In these Rules where the context admits the masculine shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation of these Rules shall be final and binding on all members and guests of the Society. Subject to the provisions of Rule 5b as to the General Meeting.	In these Rules where the context admits the masculine shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation of these Rules shall be final and binding on all members and guests of the Society. In clauses 9, 10 & 11 written communication includes electronic communication.	Clarification. Recognition of the trend for increasing use of electronic communication.