

AGM - EXTRA CLAUSES TO OUR CONSTITUTION

The Charity Commission have advised all charities to amend their Constitutions to allow online meetings and has already been approved by the National Office.

The AGM Agenda (at item 7) provides for the adoption of the following new (extra) clauses to our Constitution. These permit Committee and General Meetings to be held remotely using digital devices.

NEW CLAUSES

9 MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

(ii) A meeting of The Committee may be held in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by The Committee in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants, and in such circumstances both members physically present in person and members present by electronic means will be considered present in person and will count towards the quorum for the meeting.

15 PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

(i) A General Meeting (whether an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting) may be held that allows attendance in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Committee in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants either directly or through the Chair. Where the Committee determine that a General Meeting is to be held that includes using electronic means pursuant to this clause, such determination shall be set out in the notice of General Meeting sent to members, together with details of how a member may participate in such meeting

(ii) Where a General Meeting is to be held in person, the Committee may if they deem it appropriate set out a procedure in the notice of meeting which allows members to attend electronically if they so wish, and in such circumstances both members physically present in person and members present by electronic means will be considered present in person and will count towards the quorum for the relevant meeting.

(iii) Where The Committee determines that a General Meeting is to be held by electronic means only, such determination shall be set out in the notice of the General Meeting sent to members, along with details of how a member may participate in such a meeting, together with an explanation of the exceptional circumstances which require the General Meeting to be held by electronic means only. For the purposes of this clause, "exceptional circumstances" means circumstances which in the reasonable opinion of The Committee render it impossible to hold an effective General Meeting in person or by a combination of meeting in person and through electronic means.

(iv) If a General Meeting is to be held solely by electronic means pursuant to clause 15(iii), the place of the meeting shall be deemed to be the charity's registered office address.

(v) Proceedings at a General Meeting that includes using electronic means pursuant to clause 15(i) or 15(ii) or 15(iii) will not be invalidated due to technical issues which prohibit members from joining such a meeting electronically, so long as a sufficient number of members to form a quorum under clause 15(vi) is able to join the meeting successfully.