

Boyle Arts Festival, King House, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, Constitution

1. NAME

The Committee shall be known as Boyle Arts Festival hereafter referred to as the Committee.

2. AIMS

The main aims of the Committee is the dedication to the provision of the performing, creative and visual arts for Boyle community and its hinterland

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the committee is by invitation by existing members.

4. ORGANISATION

- (i) The Executive of the Committee shall be elected for a period of three years.
- (ii) The Committee shall consist of nominated representatives when a vacancy occurs.
- (iii) Any office held for more than 3 consecutive years will be subject to a vote by the remaining members.
- (iv) The Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary but at least once in each of any six months of the year.
- (v) One more than a third of the number of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of any meetings of the Committee properly convened.
- (vi) The Committee may, from time to time, appoint such sub-committees it may consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying out specific projects. It shall, where appropriate, appoint one of its members as chairperson of each sub-committee and he/she shall submit a written progress report of the sub-committee at each meeting of the Committee unless otherwise directed by the Committee.
- (vii) Sub-committees shall be encouraged to co-opt members of the community considered suitable for the particular work on hand because of their leadership and skills.
- (viii) The Chairperson at any meeting shall, in the event of a tie, have a second or casting vote.

5. FINANCE

- (i) All moneys and funds of Boyle Arts Festival shall be deposited as soon as:
 - (a) An account is opened in a Financial Institution as designated by resolution of the Council in the name of the Council by the Chairperson and Secretary. All cheques and other withdrawal of funds, moneys or cash on behalf of the Committee shall be signed by Treasurer and Chairperson or Secretary or any other person or persons nominated by the Committee.
 - (b) Moneys and funds in the Financial Institution belonging to Committee may be put on deposit in the same manner to gain interest if sufficient moneys are available at anytime.
- (ii) The members of the Committee shall not incur any personal liability.
- (iii) The Treasurer shall only be accountable for such moneys as he/she may actually receive.
- (iv) The financial year of the Council shall end on the thirty-first day December in each year to which date the accounts shall be balanced and a Statement shall be prepared for the next meeting.

- (v) Annual certified or audited accounts must be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

6. INSURANCE

The Committee must take out a Public Liability Insurance to indemnify members against all or any claims, damages, demands, actions, costs or proceedings arising from, or in any way connected with the employment of any person or persons or company or any person or persons who may at any time render voluntary assistance or help in any manner whatever to the Council.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee shall endeavour to maintain continuous contact with the community which it represents, and to keep people informed of all plans, activities and progress by means of website updates and press releases.

8. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION

The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution and of any rules or bye-laws made thereunder.

9. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Only an extraordinary or Annual General Meeting shall have the power to alter or amend this constitution, written notice of any proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than thirty days before the date of such a meeting. Any such amendment or alteration must be carried by a two-thirds majority of all present and entitled to vote. All members of the committee must be notified of any proposed amendment not less than seven days before the meeting.

***NOTE:** No additions, alterations or amendments shall be made to or in the provision of this constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved by the Revenue Commissioners.*

10. INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income of the Committee, wherever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the main object of the Committee as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Committee. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any Committee member in return for any services actually rendered to the Committee,

11. WINDING UP

If upon the winding up or dissolution of Boyle Arts Festival committee, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any income whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Committee but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable or artistic institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the Committee

Original Signed _____

Patricia Golden
Chairman
01/10/2023

Belinda McCauley
Treasurer
1/10/2023