

# Pink Pigeons Trust CONSTITUTION



**1) NAME OF GROUP** Pink Pigeons Trust

## **2) OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Group shall be:

- to improve Faringdon for the benefit of residents, visitors, retail & hospitality sectors
- to encourage involvement of the wider community in the celebration and creation of public art and landmark features of the town
- to foster community spirit and encourage local pride and distinctiveness
- to create works of art
- to support and promote local artists and talent

## **3) POWERS**

In furtherance of the objectives, but not otherwise, the Management Committee may exercise the power to:

1. Promote and celebrate existing artworks in and around the town
2. Seek out opportunities and funding to create new artworks in public areas working in partnership with similar groups and organisations.
3. Act as an advisory board for the Vale of White Horse District Council Arts Development service
4. draw together a plan for Faringdon that will encourage the commissioning of artworks that respond to an artistic vision for the town
5. Publicise and promote the work of the Group and organise meetings, events, projects or festivals etc.
6. To open a bank account to manage funds and pay for projects that promote the objectives of the group.

## **4) MEMBERSHIP**

- (i) Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in assisting the Group to achieve its aim and is willing to adhere to the rules of the Group.
- (ii) officers of the group shall be elected on an annual basis to their respective office.
- (iii) Any member of the association may resign his/her membership by providing the Secretary with written notice.
- (iv) Membership will adhere to an equalities policy that will be applied to the group and any activities organized by that group that will ensure that behavior of the group or its actions will not impact adversely on colleagues, sub contractors, artists agents or members of the public because of gender, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion or belief.

## **5) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Group shall be administered by a management committee of no less than three (3) people and no more than fifteen (15), who must be at least 18 years of age. Members will be elected for a period of up to one year, but may be re-elected at the Group's AGM.

## **6) OFFICERS**

(i) The Group shall have a committee consisting of:

The Chairperson

The Treasurer

The Secretary

And

The Arts Development Officer of the Vale of White Horse District Council

Any additional officers the Group deems necessary at the meeting required to carry out the required activities.

## 7) MEETINGS

- (i) The committee shall meet at least three times a year. Meetings shall enable the Group to discuss actions and monitor progress to date, and to consider future developments.
- (ii) All members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days' notice of when a meeting is due to take place, unless it is deemed as an emergency.
- (iii) Two-thirds of committee members must be present in order for a meeting to take place.
- (iv) It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to chair all meetings or a designated deputy in his/her absence. All meetings must be minuted and accessible to interested parties.
- (v) The AGM shall take place no later than three months after the end of the financial year. At least fourteen (14) days' notice must be given before the meeting takes place.
- (vi) All members are entitled to vote at the AGM. Voting shall be made by a show of hands on a majority basis. In the case of a tied vote, the Chairperson or an appointed deputy shall make the final decision.

## 8) FINANCE

- 1. Any money acquired by the Group, including donations, grants, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Management Committee in the name of the Group. All funds must be applied to the objects of the Group and for no other purpose.
- 2. Bank accounts shall be opened in the name of the Group. Any deeds, cheques etc relating to the Group's bank account shall be signed by at least two (2) of the following committee members: Chairperson; Treasurer; Secretary.
- 3. Any income/expenditure shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who will be accountable to ensure funds are utilised effectively and that the Group stays within budget. Official accounts shall be maintained, and will be examined annually by an independent accountant who is not a member of the Group. An annual financial report shall be presented at the AGM. The Group's accounting year shall run from 01 April to 31 March.

## 9) ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

- (i) Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by a majority vote at a special general meeting.
- (ii) Amendments to this constitution or dissolution of the Group must be conveyed to the Secretary formally in writing. The Secretary and other officers shall then decide on the date of a special general meeting to discuss such proposals, giving members at least four weeks (28 days) notice.

## 10) DISSOLUTION

- (i) The Group may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at a special meeting. Any assets or remaining funds after debts and liabilities have been paid shall be returned to their providers or transferred to local charities or similar groups at the discretion of the Management Committee. This constitution was adopted at an AGM held at **7 Leamington Drive Faringdon** on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2010** by:

Chairperson :

Sjoerd Vogt

Treasurer:

Alan Hickmore

Secretary:

Al Cane