



## **The Broad Street Ward Club**

### **RULES**

(as approved by the Members at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 22nd March 2021)

1. The Club shall be known as the Broad Street Ward Club

#### **OBJECTS**

2. The objects of the Club shall be to foster interest in and support the welfare and traditions of the City of London and of the Ward of Broad Street in particular by means of social functions and such other activities as may be thought desirable.
3. Members of the Club shall uphold and observe the standards and values set out in The City Obligation as defined by The City Values Forum:

#### **The City Obligation**

I will always treat others as I would wish to be treated, with honesty and integrity, in the spirit of the traditional City principle that 'My Word is my Bond'.

Furthermore, the Committee of the Club shall have regard to the seven Principles of Public Life as defined in the Corporation of London's Code of Conduct – Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.

#### **MEMBERS**

4. The following persons shall be eligible for Membership of the Club:-
  - (a) All persons entitled to the franchise in civic elections in the Ward of Broad Street, and no person shall be disqualified from retaining his/her Membership by ceasing to be entitled to such franchise.
  - (b) All persons who are partners, directors, officers or employees of a corporation or firm or entity having its place of business or registered office within the Ward
  - (c) Such other persons as the Committee may elect as having a special interest in or connection with the Ward.
  - (d) 'Group Membership'. A corporation or firm or entity having its place of business or registered office within the Ward, or having a special interest or connection with the Ward,

shall be eligible for membership at a special group rate. Such membership will entitle it to nominate, in such form as the Committee shall require, not more than six of its partners directors, officers, members or employees as Members of the Ward Club. Where a corporation or firm or entity takes out Group Membership, their six nominated persons must be partners, directors, officers, members or employees of that corporation or firm or entity. No more than two members of such Corporate Members shall be eligible to be a member of the Committee or serve as an Officer of the Club at the same time.

5. Life Membership is available at a cost of ten times the applicable annual subscription at the date of application.
6. The election of Members shall be carried out by the Committee. All candidates for election shall be proposed and seconded in writing by two Members of the Club, being in the first instance voted for by the Committee as a whole but in the event of there being a negative vote, the majority decision of the Committee to decide.
7. The Alderman of the Ward shall be ex officio a Member of the Club and the Committee and shall be President, in which office he/she shall not be subject to annual election.
8. The Committee may on any grounds they deem sufficient suspend or strike off any Member, provided that two-thirds of those present and voting concur, subject to a right of appeal to the Club in General Meeting. The Committee may reinstate any member suspended or struck off under this Rule.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

8. A Member who is not in arrears with his/her subscription may resign by sending notice in writing to that effect to the Honorary Secretary.
10. Any Member who is in arrears with his//her subscription for upwards of six months shall be automatically struck off the list of Members.

## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

11. (a) The Club shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the following:
  - Chairman
  - Deputy Chairman
  - Honorary Treasurer
  - Honorary Secretary
  - The members of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Broad Street (ex officio)
  - The Immediate Past Chairman
  - Up to seven other Members of the Club
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- (b) Ex officio Members shall be eligible for election as Officers of the Club and, if any ex officio Member shall be so elected, there shall be a corresponding increase in the number of vacancies to be filled on the Committee. Any such vacancy may be filled at the General Meeting at which the ex officio Member shall be so elected or otherwise by co-option to the Committee.

(c) The Immediate Past Chairman each year may, at the expiry of his/her tenure in office, continue as an ex officio member of the Committee for a further period of up to five years as a "Past Chairman" provided that he/she continues to be a Member of the Club and this Rule shall apply to former Past Chairmen also if they so wish. In the latter case, they should inform the Honorary Secretary, who will ensure that they are included in Committee circulation. Such Past Chairmen shall be in addition to the seven other Members of the Club specified in 11 (a) above.

12. The Officers and Committee shall be elected by Members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Nominations duly proposed and seconded shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretary no later than four weeks preceding the Meeting. In the event of there being a need for an election, the names of candidates shall be circulated with the notice convening the Meeting and ballot papers shall be issued at the Meeting.

13. From time to time, the Club may wish to appoint Vice Presidents. Such an appointment shall take place only at an Annual General Meeting where a simple majority in favour will be required. Such person must be a Member of the Club and will not be subject to annual re-election.

14. An Honorary Auditor (who shall be a Chartered Accountant) shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.

15. At any Meeting of the Committee, six Members shall form a quorum. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The Committee may fill any casual vacancies that may occur in the Committee or in the office of Auditor, subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting.

16. The Committee shall have power to deal with any question not provided for by these Rules which in their opinion requires to be dealt with before the holding of a General Meeting.

## **MEETINGS**

17. At least twenty-one days' notice shall be given of any General Meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten Members. At a General Meeting, in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

18. Each Annual General Meeting shall be held on such date as the Committee shall decide upon provided that it be no later than 31st May in each year, when the Committee shall report on the activities of the Club during the past year, and shall present an audited Statement of Accounts.

19. The Committee may, and the Honorary Secretary shall (upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than seven Members), convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. The requisition shall state the purpose for which the Meeting is to be held.

## **RULES**

20. No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those Members present and voting at a General Meeting. Not less than twenty-eight days' notice of the proposed alteration or addition shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary, to be communicated by him/her to the Members at least twenty-one days before the Meeting.

21. The liability of each Member is limited to £1 in total.

22. Upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Club, and after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, if there remains any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the Members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other body or bodies having objects similar to those of the Club, with such body or bodies to be determined by the Members of the Club in General Meeting prior to the dissolution and insofar as effect cannot be given to such provision, to a registered charity providing benefits within the City of London.

**ENDS**