



AMENDED DRAFT (2) PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES **INVERNESS and area FILM FANS**

1 The group is called
**"Inverness and area Film Fans"
or IFF!**

2 The aim of the group is to bring the best of past and present world cinema to people from Inverness and neighbouring areas.

3 The group's objective is to fill existing gaps in the provision of film and to encourage interest, knowledge, appreciation and understanding of film art.

4 The aims and objectives of the group may be achieved by

4.1 Arranging screenings, etc., where appropriate in conjunction with other organisations. In doing so the aim is to achieve a high technical standard.

4.2 Providing accompanying film notes

and background material and holding discussion sessions following film screenings.

4.3 Running workshops and/or courses using professional tutors .

4.4 Inviting specialist film professionals.

4.5 Making all events open to members of the public.

4.6 Arranging, providing or encouraging the dissemination of written material and/or recordings.

5 Membership of IFF! is open, on payment of the membership fee, to anyone over the age of 18.

6 Membership and other fees will be reviewed annually, and approved at an Annual General Meeting. Funds derived will be used to pay for administrative costs. Any surplus will be used to offset the costs of events, which will normally be financed through entrance charges.

7 The group has an executive Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and up to three other committee members.

7.1 There is no limit to the period for which any office may be held, but all posts are subject to election by the members at an Annual General Meeting held during September or October, when the Chairman will submit an annual report for approval

and a the Treasurer will submit a financial report for approval by the meeting, including a review of all fees. The membership is to be given 2 weeks' notice of Annual or Special General Meetings.

7.2 Any change to the constitution must be approved by a majority vote at a General Meeting. A quorum for a General Meeting will be a number equal to the number of current Committee members plus half that number.

7.3 *The Chairperson* chairs meetings and is the arbiter in questions of order. *The Treasurer* takes care of all group funds and collects fees and entrance charges. *The Secretary* keeps notes of all meetings and maintains membership records. These three officers are signatories for the group bank account and each transaction is required to be signed for by a minimum of two of the three signatories.

7.4 Office bearers meet whenever necessary, but at the least in advance of the start of each and every season of screenings. A 'season' will be defined from time to time by the Committee. *(It may, for example, consist of six screenings at regular intervals over a period of two months.)*

8 Programming decisions and event planning are matters which are finalised by the office bearers, but always in full consultation with the members.

9 Publicity and member information will be arranged by the office bearers. Importance is attached to the distribution of regular Newsletters to the membership, which give information regarding all group activities. Each film season will be publicised in a Newsletter.

10 In the event that IFF! ceases to function, its affairs will be wound up and the bank account closed. Any remaining money or assets will be made over to another group in the Highlands of Scotland with similar aims and objectives, or, failing that, to the British Federation of Film Societies. A decision to terminate IFF! will be made by a majority vote of the members attending a Special General Meeting.