

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

BYELAWS

with respect to

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

**made under Section 19 of the
Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964**



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1. In these Byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) "the Act" means the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964;
 - (b) "the Museum Authority" means the Warwick District Council;
 - (c) "museum" means any museum or art gallery for the time being maintained by the Museum Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act and includes a vehicle when being used for those purposes;
 - (d) "the Curator" means the person appointed as such by the Museum Authority, or in his absence, any other person authorised by the Museum Authority to act on his behalf;
 - (e) "museum officer" means the curator or any other person employed by the Museum Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;
 - (f) "exhibit" means any object forming part of the collection kept at the museum for the purpose of exhibiting to the public and includes any item or collection of items owned by the Museum Authority or loaned or hired thereto available for inspection or examination by the public (by appointment or otherwise) or intended to be so available;
2. An act necessary for the proper execution of his duty by a museum officer shall not be deemed to be a contravention of these Byelaws.
3. A person shall not give a false name or address for the purpose of entering any part of the museum or for the purpose of using any facilities provided in connection therewith.
4. A person who is offensively unclean in person or in dress, or who is suffering from an offensive disease, shall not enter or use the museum.
5. Except with the consent of a museum officer, a person shall not
 - (a) cause or allow any dog (other than a guide-dog accompanying a blind person) or other animal belonging to him or under his control to enter or remain in the museum, or
 - (b) bring into any part of the museum a wheeled vehicle or conveyance (other than a hand-propelled invalid chair).
6. A person shall not, after proper warning by a museum officer, remain in the museum after the time fixed for its closing.
7. A person shall not, unless duly authorised, take any exhibit from the museum.
8. A person shall not carelessly or negligently soil, tear, cut, deface, damage, injure, or destroy any exhibit or the furniture, fittings, or other contents of the museum.

9. Except with the consent of a museum officer, a person shall not make a tracing of any portion of an exhibit.
10. A person who –
 - (a) after the end of the period for which it was lent has the charge or possession of an exhibit borrowed from the museum or from any body or person acting on behalf of the Museum Authority, and
 - (b) after having been requested in writing by the Museum Authority to deliver it up to that Authority, has failed to do so within a period of fourteen days after the date of the request, and
 - (c) has not paid to the Museum Authority in respect thereof an agreed sum by way of compensationshall not, except with the consent of the Curator, borrow any further exhibit from the museum.
11. A person from whom any sum is due to the Museum Authority in respect of a charge for the loan of an exhibit shall not, except with the consent of the Curator, borrow any exhibit from the museum after having been notified in writing by the Museum Authority of the amount due.
12. (1) A person having the charge or possession of any exhibit which the Museum Authority is entitled to have returned to it shall deliver it up to that Authority within fourteen days of the service upon him by the Authority of a notice requiring him so to do.
(2) For the purposes of this Byelaw, a notice may be served upon any person by delivering it to him, or by leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence, or by sending it by registered post or recorded delivery service addressed to him at that place.
13. A person shall not behave in a disorderly manner in the museum or use violent, abusive or obscene language therein or incite other persons to do so.
14. A person shall not spit in the museum.
15. A person shall not, after a warning by a museum officer, persist in sleeping in the museum.
16. A person shall not engage in audible conversation in any part of the museum set apart as a reference department or for reading after having been requested not to do so by a museum officer.
17. A person shall not wilfully obstruct any museum officer in the execution of his duty or disturb, obstruct, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the museum.
18. A person other than a museum officer shall not display, distribute, affix or post any bill, placard or notice in, to or upon any part of the museum.
19. A person shall not, without the consent of the Curator, offer anything for sale in the museum.

20. A person shall not lie on the furniture or fittings of the museum or on the floor thereof except, with the consent of the Curator, on the floor of any part of the museum for the time being set apart for the use of children.
21. A person shall not smoke or strike a light in any part of the museum set apart for the use of the public, except in any part thereof which is for the time being used as a restaurant or in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under Section 20 of the Act, the Museum Authority allows smoking.
22. A person shall not, except with the consent of a museum officer, partake of refreshment in the museum, except in any part thereof which is for the time being used as a restaurant or in which, when it is being used for an educational, cultural or other event under Section 20 of the Act, the Museum Authority allows the partaking of refreshments.
23. Except with the consent of the Curator, a person shall not cause or allow any apparatus for the reception of sound broadcasting or for the reproduction of sound to be operated in any part of the museum set apart for the use of the public.
24. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws (other than Byelaws 10 and 11) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of Twenty Pounds.
25. Every person who, within the view of a museum officer, contravenes any of the foregoing Byelaws may be excluded or removed from the museum by such officer if:-
 - (a) his name and address are unknown to and cannot readily be ascertained by the officer; or
 - (b) from the nature of the contravention or from any other fact of which the officer may have knowledge or be credibly informed there is reasonable ground for belief that his continuance in the museum may result in another contravention of the Byelaws or that his exclusion or removal from the museum is otherwise necessary for the proper use and regulation thereof.

THE COMMON SEAL of WARWICK)
 DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto)
 affixed in the presence of:-)

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J. DORAN
 Deputy Secretary and Solicitor

Confirmed under the Official Seal of
 The Secretary of State for Education
 And Science on 17 February, 1975.

S. A. Williams
 Authorised under Section 3 of the Education Act 1944.

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