



Age Ratings You Trust

The Minutes of the 183rd BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Wednesday, 6 July 2016

Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Alison Hastings	Vice President
Gerard Lemos	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Alexandra Evans (minutes)	Policy Director

Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes were agreed.

Report on Public Feedback on Classification Decisions

2. Senior Operations Officer, Joe Slatter, attended the meeting to update the Board of Classification on feedback received from the public since the start of 2016.
3. The BBFC continues to receive complaints about *Deadpool* (15) with concerns being raised about the strength of the violence and sex.
4. The BBFC has received complaints about *10 Cloverfield Lane* (12A), *High Rise* (15), *Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice* (12A) and *The Revenant* (15). Complaints about the latter included concerns that animals had been treated cruelly although the perceived cruelty was achieved through special effects.
5. Operations will continue to attend the Board of Classification meeting on a quarterly basis to provide a feedback report.

Age Verification

6. David Austin updated the group on the Government's plan to require commercial pornographic websites to implement robust age verification barriers to prevent children from accessing pornographic content. A new civil offence has been included in the Digital Economy Bill which was introduced in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The BBFC will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders as the Bill is considered by both Houses.
Action: David Austin and Alexandra Evans

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7. There was no AOB.

Date of next meeting:

Monday, 12 September 2016