

Minutes of the Club Council Meeting



Thursday 14th September 2023 at 18.00 in the Blencathra Room

	<p>Present: Les Balmer (Chair) (LB), Joan Armstrong (President) (JA), Ladies Captain Liz Horlacher (LH), Club Vice Captain Nigel Scott (NS), John Taylor (JT), Gavin Oliver (GO), Stephen Johnson (SJ), Gail Gravett (GG) Kathryn Bulman also attended the meeting in her capacity as a member of the Constitution Committee</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
1.	<p>Apologies Club Captain Javid Latif, Richard Hellon, Darren Whitfield,</p>	
2.	<p>LB opened the meeting by saying that this meeting had been called only to discuss the proposed new “Complaint and Disciplinary Policy – Code and Procedure for Club Members” and the proposed new “Rules for the Governance of the Club”. LB went on to thank the Constitution Committee for all their hard work in preparing the documents for discussion at tonight’s meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Complaint and Disciplinary Policy – Code and Procedure for Club Members All present were provided with a further copy of the latest draft document and JT then went through the whole document and answered any questions or points raised by those present. Various minor alterations to the document were agreed and JT will incorporate those alterations into a final draft which will be brought forward to the next full Council Meeting for approval. A fundamental part of the new Policy is that the Council will be responsible to appoint a pool of seven members from whom a Disciplinary Panel(s) will be formed under the policy, should the need arise, and in addition the Council will also be required to appoint an Investigating Officer (IO) who will be responsible for investigating any complaints “escalated” under the policy. It was therefore agreed that all Council Members should compile a list of members who they think would be suitable for those roles, and these will be discussed at the next Council meeting when a final list will be agreed, and the members approached.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
4.	<p>Rules for the Governance of the Club Each person present was given a further copy of the latest draft document and JT then went through the whole document in great detail, and a long discussion took place with the eventual outcome that a number of amendments and changes to the draft document were agreed and JT will incorporate those changes into a further draft document which will be presented at the next full Council Meeting. It was also agreed that LB would draft a standard policy which the Council would use for the selection of Club President and Club Vice Captain. A discussion was then held regarding how the final draft of the proposed new Rules of Governance would be notified to members, and it was agreed that each voting member would be provided with a full copy of the rules and they would then be given a Consultation Period of 14 days in which to ask any</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LB</p>

	<p>questions of the rules, or make suggestions which they thought might help to improve or clarify the rules.</p> <p>Following the conclusion of the Consultation Period then the proposed new “Rules of Governance of the Club” will be finalised and put forward to the membership for approval via a vote.</p>	
5.	<p>At the conclusion of this part of the meeting JA on behalf of herself and KB thanked JT for all the hard work which he’d personally done in preparing the documents discussed this evening.</p>	
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The subject of the Annual Report which is presented at the AGM was discussed, and it was generally accepted that in recent years the report had become too long, and it was agreed that it should be shortened, if possible, but obviously not at the expense of excluding information important to the membership.</p> <p>LB will discuss this with the Chairs of each Committee.</p>	LB

Meeting Closed: 20.30 hrs