

Agenda Item 7 - Proposed amendments to NGOC Constitution, Section 4

The NGOC constitution has been in place since the 2016 AGM and has remained unchanged for 5 years. The committee has noted that some important club roles are not recognised by the current constitution. The committee would like to ensure that all who give up their time to participate in managing the club are rewarded by having a vote on the committee.

Extract from Current Constitution	
4. Officers and Committee	
The Club shall be managed by a committee comprising:	
(a) The Principal Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)	
(b) The Officers (Membership Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Mapping Officer, Equipment Officer, Development Officer, Club Captain, Newsletter Editor and Welfare Officer)	
(c) Up to two additional members.	
Officers and Committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairman shall not hold office as Chairman for more than three years consecutively.	
The Committee may co-opt or appoint additional members or advisors as necessary, but only elected members of the Committee may vote at Committee meetings.	
Posts may be shared by two individuals; one individual may take on more than one Officer role under (b) above.	
Seven members of the Committee shall form a quorum for business to be agreed at Committee Meetings. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.	

Current committee structure 2020-2021		
(Currently 14 voting members)		
The Principal Officers (4, as per Constitution)		Current
	Chairman	Paul Taunton
	Vice-Chairman	VACANT
	Secretary	Kim Liggett
	Treasurer	Alan Pucill
The Officers (8, as per Constitution)		
	Membership Secretary	Simon Denman
	Fixtures Secretary	Greg Best
	Mapping Officer	Ian Phillips
	Equipment Officer	Pat MacLeod
	Development Officer	Pat MacLeod
	Club Captain	Shirley Robinson
	Newsletter Editor (Legend)	Alan Brown
	Welfare Officer	Ashleigh Denman
Additional elected VOTING Members (up to 2 allowed by Constitution)		
	Results Secretary & SI Coordinator	John Fallows
	Technical Support/Webmaster	Steve Lee
UNELECTED roles with no committee vote		
	Volunteer Coordinator	Kevin Brooker
	Communications & Publicity Officer	Tom Cochrane
	Club Coach	Gill Stott

Potential changes to the club constitution were discussed at the committee meeting on 6 September 2021. It was agreed by the committee that the following changes would be appropriate and that they should be submitted to the membership for approval at the 2021 AGM:

Proposed amendments to Constitution, Section 4:		
Item	Change Proposed	VOTE (for/against change)
4a	Principal Officers: Remove the role of Vice Chairman	
4b (i)	Officers: Add Communications & Publicity Officer to the list	
4b(ii)	Officers: Add Club Coach to the list of Officers	
4c	Additional Voting Members: Increase the number permitted to four	
Text	Clarification: Add text "Where an individual takes on more than one Officer role they may cast a vote as each of their roles".	
These changes, if fully implemented, would increase the committee from 14 to 17 voting members		