



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

At our 2016 AGM we adopted a new constitution that would meet the requirements for our adopting a new legal status as a Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO). This year we are asking our members to consider two small changes.

Current	Proposed
Clause 51: The minimum number of charity trustees is 8	Clause 51: The minimum number of charity trustees is 3
<p><b>WHY?</b> We are legally required to have three office bearers (chair, treasurer and secretary), therefore we are legally required to have a minimum of three trustees. Since incorporation we have had 8 trustees but have been in the precarious situation that means we are one resignation away from being unconstitutional as an organisation! Reducing the minimum will meet our legal duties while removing this threat.</p>	

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Clause 57: At each AGM, all of the charity trustees, elected/appointed under clauses 55 and 56 (and in the case of the first AGM, those deemed to have been appointed under clause 54) shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election under clause 55.	Clause 57: At each AGM, all of the charity trustees, elected/appointed under clauses 55 and 56 (and in the case of the first AGM, those deemed to have been appointed under clause 54) shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election under clause 55. 57.1 A minimum of 50% of trustees will stand for re-election at AGM
<p><b>WHY?</b> While unlikely that all trustees would resign at once, this additional sub-clause will secure continuity on the board of trustees and, therefore, for the organisation as a whole.</p>	

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