

A Special General Meeting of CMBC will be held at St James Hall on Tuesday 28th March at 6.30pm

Item 1 Proposed Adoption of a new Club Constitution

Resolution: that CMBC adopt a new Club Constitution to replace the existing Constitution dated August 2015 together with Appendix 1 - Schedule of Disciplinary Procedures.

Copies of the New Constitution and Disciplinary Procedures are on our website and the notice board at St James Hall. You can reach the website by using these links [New Constitution.pdf \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://New Constitution.pdf (bridgewebs.com)) and [App1 Disciplinary Procedure.pdf \(bridgewebs.com\)](http://App1 Disciplinary Procedure.pdf (bridgewebs.com)). Any member not able to access these documents can ask for a printed copy.

Background: CMBC is currently registered with HMRC as a charity and until this year has been accepted by Morpeth Town Council (MTC) as qualifying for the charity discount on the hire of St James Hall. Now MTC have decided that they will only accept charities who are on the Charity Commission list. To be on this list we have to make an application to the Charity Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). There are strict rules about the charities Governing Document (Constitution) and the proposed new Constitution closely follows a model constitution for a bridge club agreed between the EBU and the Charity Commission. The closer we stick to this model the speedier the application process is likely to be. This Constitution was approved by the CMBC Committee on 9th March 2023.

Mike Craig
Chairman
On behalf of the Committee