

**Devon & Cornwall Constabulary****Compassionate Fund**

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Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting held at Okehampton Police Station,  
3 Barton Road, Okehampton on Monday, 1st October 2018, at 12.30 hrs.

**1 PRESENT**

President:

Chairman:

Nigel Rabbitts

Secretary:

David James

Superintendents:

Inspectors:

Rachel Manifold [Vice Chair]

Sergeants:

Pennie Channing

Constables:

Martin Beck and Natasha Hill

N.A.R.P.O.:

Spencer Pritchard.

Co-opted

Pam Giles

Force Chaplain

Sarah Jeffrey

In Attendance:

Solicitor

Ian Townsend – Rebian Solicitors

Treasurer/Administrator

Sara Westcott

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

The Chief Constable, Tony Dark, Vince Bedford, Dave Routley, Michele Wilson,  
Chris Marriott, Jenny Tucker, Jason Howard, Joanne May, Paul Manifold, and Ken  
Lamont.

**2 NOTICE OF MEETING:**

The Chairman read a Notice convening the Meeting which had been published on the  
Fund website for a period of over 28 Days. The full agenda of the meeting was also  
published on the Website.

**3 CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION & LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE CHARITY**

To consider the recommendation of the Management Committee that the legal  
structure and Constitution of the Fund is changed to:-

“A charitable Incorporated Organisation. To take effect on the 1st of January 2018 or  
shortly thereafter, pending the conclusion of the legal and administration procedures  
required to achieve this. A copy of the new Constitution has been circulated to all  
Trustees for consultation with our members and made available to our members for a  
period of at least 28 days on our website and SharePoint’.

**RESOLVED:** To change the legal structure of the Charity to a ‘Charitable Incorporated Organisation’.

**Voting;** Unanimous

4 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – ELIGIBILITY

That if it is agreed to Change the Legal structure and Constitution, the membership categories will not be opened up until such time as a satisfactory Actuarial Report has been completed and the Trustees are satisfied that we have the financial capacity to widen our membership base, whilst meeting our existing responsibilities to our current Members and their families

**RESOLVED:** To change the legal structure of the Charity to allow for the opening up of membership categories as stated in the proposal [item 4 as above].

**Voting;** Unanimous

5 STAGED IMPLEMENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

To consider a recommendation of the Management Committee if agenda items 3 and 4 are agreed:

The Management Committee recommends the Charity adopt the proposed change of Rules in a staged manner, as approved by our Trustees and our Advisors.

In respect of widening Membership categories and Trustees from these categories – this will only be implemented, pending the satisfactory outcome of the findings of an Approved Actuary, our Financial & Legal Advisors, our Accountant and Auditors.

This work is needed so that we can fully assess whether the Fund can sustain the changes to our membership criteria, whilst ensuring we meet our existing responsibilities to our current Membership and their dependents.

Copies have been made available to our Members, via our Website.

Note that Rules can be amended through the normal process of consultation with the Trustees, and where appropriate the calling an Annual General Meeting or Extra Ordinary General Meeting as required.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the procedure of staged membership implementation as outlined in this proposal [item 5 as listed above].

**Voting;** Unanimous

6 CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE CHARITY [Charitable Incorporated Organisation].

To consider a recommendation of the Management Committee to Change the name of

the Charity to [one of] the following four:

List of suggestions thus far:

THE SOUTH WEST POLICE FAMILY COMPASSIONATE FUND  
THE SOUTH WEST POLICE COMPASSIONATE FUND  
THE SOUTH WEST COASTAL POLICE COMPASSIONATE FUND  
THE PENINSULAR POLICE COMPASSIONATE FUND

**THE SOUTH WEST BLUE LIGHT COMPASSIONATE FUND** – Unfortunately this suggestion cannot be considered as it is legally ‘too similar’ to the Blue Lamp Trust and Blue Lamp Foundation

A discussion took place, and Ian Townsend, Solicitor advised that once the name was chosen, he would take steps to ensure the name was ‘acceptable’ to the Charity Commission, and with Companies House. He would also take steps to secure the Domain name and relevant titles to ensure the Charity [C.I.O] legally ‘own’ the name.

The most popular suggestion was:

‘THE SOUTH WEST POLICE COMPASSIONATE FUND’

It was recommended that if this name did not meet the legal tests outlined, then the second favourite option would be used:

‘THE PENINSULAR POLICE COMPASSIONATE FUND’

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the name of ‘The South West Police Compassionate Fund’ for the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Should this name be not accepted by the Charity Commission and/ or Companies House, then the secondary choice of ‘The Peninsular Police Compassionate Fund’ is adopted.

**Voting;** Unanimous

No ‘Additional business’ can be raised at this meeting as Members have 28 days to consider any proposals made at this meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting close at 12.36 pm

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_