

Clerk's report to Council meeting – 14th September 2026

Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre

At the Parish Council's annual meeting held on 11th May 2026, Councillors agreed to again nominate Cllr Champion as a Trustee of the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre. This nomination was not accepted by Trustees at the Centre's AGM held on 8th September 2026.

A. What prevents someone being a Trustee:

In accordance with Clause 6.1 of the SSCC constitution, a Trustee must not be employed by the Trust, should not provide goods or services or own any interest in the land. Cllr Champion meets these criteria.

6.1 General provisions

No charity trustee or connected person may:

- 6.1.1 Buy or receive any goods or services from the CIO on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public.
- 6.1.2 Sell goods, services, or any interest in land to the CIO.
- 6.1.3 Be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the CIO.
- 6.1.4 Receive any other financial benefit from the CIO.

Unless the payment or benefit is permitted by clause 6.2 or authorised by the court or the prior written consent of the Charity Commission ("**the Commission**") has been obtained. In this clause, a "financial benefit" means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

B. Functions of a Trustee:

Reason for not accepting nomination given by Trustees: *"It is the opinion of the Trustees that the contribution made by Lawrence Champion towards the running, upkeep, refurbishment and general maintenance of the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre over the past twelve months has been less than that of his associates on the committee and as such did not meet reasonable expectations of a Trustee."*

The constitution lists what functions a Trustee must undertake, and this list does not include that a Trustee must contribute towards the running, upkeep, refurbishment and general maintenance of the Centre.

9. Charity Trustees

9.1 Functions and duties of charity trustees

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. It is the duty of each charity trustee:

9.1.1 To exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

9.1.2 To exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:

9.1.2.1 any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and,

9.1.2.2 if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

C. Eligibility of a Trustee:

Cllr Champion meets the eligibility criteria.

9.2 Eligibility for trusteeship

9.2.1 Every charity trustee must be a natural person.

9.2.2 No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO:

9.2.2.1 if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or

9.2.2.2 if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 12.1.6.

9.2.3 No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.

9.2.4 At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

12.1.6 Is disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of sections 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

D. Appointment of Nominated Trustees:

Initially, the Trustees relied upon clause 10.2.6 when not accepting the nomination, after the meeting the Clerk advised the Chair of Trustees that the Parish Council had followed its own due process at the meeting on 11th May 2026. Cllr Champion was subsequently advised that the Trustees had relied on clause 10.2.3 and later confirmed their reasons to the Clerk via email (see point B above).

10.2 Nominated Trustees

- 10.2.1 In this clause 10.2, a '**Nominating Body**' means any organisation, group or body which uses the CIO's property and has been agreed by the charity trustees to be a Nominating Body.
- 10.2.2 Every Nominating Body is entitled to nominate one candidate for appointment as an Nominated Trustee. Nominations shall be notified to the chair in writing (or if there is no chair, any charity trustee) at least 14 days' in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- 10.2.3 The Trustees shall agree the appointment of up to four Nominated Trustees from the candidates nominated by Nominating Bodies. This shall be done just prior to the Annual General and notified at the Annual Meeting, and their term shall commence at the end of the Annual Meeting.
- 10.2.4 Nominated Trustees shall be appointed for a term of one year, ending at the following Annual Meeting.
- 10.2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, an individual who has been a Nominated Trustee, or who is a member or a trustee of, or is otherwise connected to a Nominating Body, may be appointed (or reappointed) as an Elected Trustee or Co-Opted Trustee provided they meet the criteria in clause 9.2.
- 10.2.6 The nomination of a Nominated Trustee must be agreed by the Nominating Body in accordance with its own due process. The nominee must have confirmed to the Nominating Body their willingness to serve as a charity trustee prior to the nomination being made.
- 10.2.7 A person appointed as a Nominated Trustee need not be a member or trustee of the Nominating Body.
- 10.2.8 A Nominated Trustee has the same duty under clause 9.1 (Functions and duties of charity trustees) as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.