

Constitution – CIC 10251007

The name of the organisation shall be the 'Armed Forces & Veteran's Breakfast Clubs CIC'

Aims

The main aim of the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs is to provide familiar, safe, friendly and informal environments for veterans to 'return to the tribe', have breakfast together in the company of other veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces, to enjoy the camaraderie and banter, and give back some of the feeling of 'belonging' they lost when they left service.

The aim of the 'Armed Forces & Veteran's Breakfast Club CIC' is to provide an umbrella of support for these, and the growing number of Veteran's Breakfast Clubs.

Other than the basic rules set by the CIC to protect all members from discrimination of any kind, all the clubs are run locally, to allow them to tailor themselves to their specific demographic, and operate for the benefit of their members. Each Breakfast Club has their own Facebook group and the Admins (or 'Group Leaders'), who have access to the 'Admin Support' Facebook group, as well as the 'Breakfast Clubs UK Pressroom' Facebook group.

The Armed Forces & Veteran's Breakfast Club CIC aims to facilitate links between the Clubs, and the main support agencies for veterans, to allow individual clubs to signpost veterans in need to support agencies when necessary. The Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club CIC is the formal face of the Clubs, which allows us to talk to the MoD, and other agencies from a common outlook; to provide a platform for arranging Public Liability Insurance, and to set up a bank account to enable the organisation to self-fund.

Membership

Armed Forces & Veteran's Breakfast Clubs are open to any serving member of HM Forces, and to any Veteran thereof; immediate family members of the aforementioned (e.g. wives, partners and children) are also welcomed when in their company. Should individual clubs decide, 'non-veterans' are sometimes accepted with the agreement of veterans/serving members of individual clubs, and some already take advantage of the support of non-military members to assist in the running of their Clubs.

Each Club is free to tailor itself to suit its own demographic, and Clubs are free to make their own decisions regarding non-military members for administrative purposes, but when it comes to 'policy' and the direction of the group, their status will remain that of a 'associate member'; as the name implies, the Clubs are run by veterans & HM Forces personnel, for their own interests.

Duties of a Group Leader

Each Club depends on its Admin or 'Group Leader', to administrate the Club, to ensure the basic directives of the National Organisation, and their Club are observed. They are also expected to vet new applicants/attendees to ensure that they are genuine serving, or former members of HM Forces. Each Admin is asked to feedback information on numbers attending each event to AFVBC Support Facebook group (National Administration), and to disseminate information from the National Administration to their own Club, as soon as possible. However, Admins must always bear in mind that the club belongs to its members, not the Admins themselves, and the majority of members should always decide the policy and direction of the club.

Charities and other organisations

The Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs CIC does not endorse any charitable organisation, or any other body, and although individual Clubs may decide to support their own local charities from events they organise, this MUST come a LONG WAY second to the primary directive of facilitating the meeting of veterans in real time, to break bread together. There is no obligation for any Club to pay any form of subscription or dues to the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs CIC for the support they receive, and the AFVBC should always remain free to those who attend.

Funding and Fundraising

The intention for the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs CIC is to self-fund for the purposes of supporting the organisations' infrastructure, such as website, hosting, expenses such as requests to travel and accommodation to promote the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs. It will also be used to provide a service to the individual clubs; to provide public liability insurance for events they attend to promote their clubs, to promote nationally both the national organisation and individual clubs, to extend their reach to veterans who are currently unaware, and therefore have no access to the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club organisation.

The means of raising these funds will be from royalties paid by suppliers of retail items for the use of a Copyright Nationally Registered Trademark. In the interests of transparency, the accounts will be submitted to Company's House as regulation requires, and all such expenditure will be accounted for in the normal way.

Individual Breakfast Clubs often raise funds themselves, internally, for various reasons, such as the short term assistance of member veterans, or to fund social events, but they are given advice on accounting for this, and it has no bearing on the National Organisation.

Growing the organisation

It is the intention to grow the organisation's network, and it is the main role of the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs CIC to facilitate that growth, so that ALL veterans and service leavers are aware of the existence of the AFVBC's, and have easy access to them.

Press and media

It is the intention that the Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs CIC will endeavour to achieve the maximum publicity for the entire network, allowing the Clubs to work with their local media, to assist in achieving the aims stated above.

Duties of the Officers

Director (PSC) - Founder Dereck John Hardman

Director Paul Andrew Johnson

The board, consisting of Dereck Hardman and Paul Johnson will meet every three months with an annual AGM to be held in June. Other members can be added to the board as and when required and alterations to this constitution must be unanimous.

Signed.....
Dereck J Hardman

Dated..... 15th August 2018.....

Signed.....
Paul A Johnson

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