

Central Scotland Smallholders' Association (Est. 2008)

**Proposed amendments to the constitution for Annual General Meeting
February 2012**

CSSA has now been in existence for four years. In that time, there have been some changes and development. It seems to be an opportune time to review the way the organisation works.

Following discussion at the January 2012 committee meeting, a proposal to change the constitution will be formally presented to members at the AGM on 24th February 2012.

There are two significant changes proposed:

- Firstly, it is proposed to remove the executive officer post of Vice Chair that was introduced in 2009. The intention was that this postholder would automatically succeed the Chair at the AGM following his / her election. For this reason it has been difficult to fill the post and continually seek a new chair every year.
- Secondly, it is proposed to remove the stipulation that the chair cannot be voted back on the following year, where they are willing to do so. This reduces the constant search every year for a new chair. This proposal does not prevent a new chair being voted on, but where it works it means that a chair can continue in their role.

If adopted, these changes have other ramifications for the constitution and are reflected in the proposed new Constitution, which is attached (changes highlighted in red).

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Vice Chair
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