

## NORTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION

### Agenda

for the NCCU Council Meeting to be held on 22nd February 2026  
via ZOOM, starting at 6.30 p.m.

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 21st June 2025**  
These can be seen on the website [here](#).
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
If the meeting is quorate (10 people), then constitutionally decisions of the inquorate 2025 AGM “are subject to ratification”.
- 4. President’s Report**
- 5. Secretary’s Report**  
Overseeing items 13, 15, 17 and 19 below cover main secretarial activity.  
(Loss of internet connectivity was a major problem for a while.)
- 6. Financial Controller’s Report & LMS Assistant’s Report**  
See [here](#) on website.
- 7. Treasurer’s Report**  
See [here](#) on website.
- 8. Counties Championship Controller’s Report**
- 9. Club Championship Controller’s Report**
- 10. Trophy Officer’s Report**
- 11. Webmaster’s Report**  
Nothing especial to report.
- 12. ECF Delegate’s Report**  
See [here](#) on website.
- 13. NCCU Individual Championship 2026**  
Not yet determined, but probably resolved before the meeting. See [here](#) on website for details.
- 14. Pennine Cup 2026**  
Arrangements for this event to be run by Rob Steele on 26/01/2026 Sunday 22nd March 2026 at the North Liverpool Academy, 120 Heyworth Street, Liverpool L5 0SQ are on the website [here](#).

**15. NCCU School Award 2026**

Co. Durham is to come up with a citation for the school they wish to nominate.

**16. BCET School Award 2026**

Not yet commissioned by BCET. Cleveland needs to be thinking of a nominee, with citation, to put forward.

**17. Presidential Nomination**

Co. Durham has nominated their president, Mike Siddle, for NCCU presidency for three years from 2026 AGM.

**18. Succession Planning**

**Secretary:** John George of Meltham and Denby Chess Club has stepped forward as a prospective new NCCU Secretary, and is expected to stand for election at the 2026 AGM. Steve Mann envisages he will for a while have to be prepared to offer advice and information for a while after the take-over

**Treasurer:** No prospective successor is known to the present treasurer

**Auditor:** Peter Micklethwaite, secretary of Barnsley chess club and recently-appointed treasurer of the Sheffield & DCA, who works in an accountancy firm in Barnsley, has agreed to fill the post of auditor (relieving Neil Foxcroft).

**Counties Championship Controller:** Bryan Bainbridge has approached at least one party to see if they'd like to assume the role, but with no volunteers as yet.

**19. Date of NCCU AGM 2026**

See [here](#) on website for known considerations affecting decision,

**20. Any Other Business**

at the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Meeting.