

SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

Registered Charity number SC043489

Minutes of the 2nd quarterly Board of Trustees meeting of the Scottish Police Benevolent Fund on Monday 29th November 2021 at The Police Treatment Centre, Castlebrae, Castleton Road, Auchterarder, PH3 1AG.

1. ATTENDEES:

Catherine McNally – (Chair) – (WAC)** - CM
Lynne Gray – (WAC)** - LG
Richard North – (WAC)** - RN
Stephen Clark - (EAC)* - SC
Richard Wood – (EAC)* - RW
Graham Ross – (Secretary)- (EAC)* - GR
Mairi MacGregor (Treasurer) – MM
Bill Clark – (NAC)*** - BC
Ross Polworth – (NAC)*** - RP
Patrick Nicoll – (NAC)*** - PN (Via VC)
Gary Brown – (Operations Manager)- GB (Via VC)

*EAC = East Area Sub-Committee
**WAC= West Area Sub-Committee
***NAC = North Area Sub-Committee

2. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Chair (CM) opened the meeting and welcomed all present in the room and also extended a warm welcome to (PN) and (GB) who joined the meeting via VC for health and logistical reasons.

CM reminded all Trustees of their duties and responsibilities with regards to acting in the sole best interests of the charity and the following statement was read out:

“All Trustees are reminded of the need to declare any personal or professional interest, direct or indirect, in any applications that are considered during this meeting, with a view to avoiding any potential conflict of interest and in the best interests of the charity. Any such declaration will result in the individual removing themselves from any discussion and decision regarding the application(s).”

3. APOLOGIES: None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was confirmed that the minutes of the last meeting (1st quarterly Board of Trustees meeting) had previously been disseminated and received by all Trustees. The minutes were approved by those present as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

5. LOAN APPLICATIONS- RETIRED OFFICERS

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[SCIO] c/o RYCA, 28 High Street, Nairn, IV12
4AU. Tel: 0300 303 0028

CM raised the matter of a recent application which had been made for a loan from a retired officer and a subsequent discussion was had around the issues the charity would have in facilitating the repayments of such loans. The board unanimously agreed to maintain the status quo in this regard and, while loans for retired officers would not be the norm, there would remain a route to consider such applications. It was agreed that, in practice, any such loans applications would go to the trustees for consideration.

6. STANDING ITEMS

6.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:

A total of 8 applications were on the meeting agenda for presentation / consideration, of which 2 were approved and 6 were declined.

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| <u>GEH007</u> – | Approved |
| <u>GWJ0010</u> – | Approved |
| <u>GWJ0013</u> - | Declined. |
| <u>GWJ0014</u> - | Declined |
| <u>LNJ0003</u> - | Declined |
| <u>LNJ0002</u> - | Declined |
| <u>LEJ0001</u> - | Declined |
| <u>GEXTJ007</u> - | Declined |

6.2 TREASURERS REPORT:

MM presented the Treasurer's report, which included the following information re the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2021/22: -

Donations received: £ 1508.06
Just Giving has raised: £ 450.94
Collection Boxes have raised: £ 256.00

The bank accounts have a total of: £478,166.43
Income for the first 7 months till 31st October 2021 £ 162745.76
Expenditure for the first 7 months till 31st October 2021 £ 171164.32
This means we had £8418.52 more going out in the year to date than we had coming in.
Grants to individuals first 7 months till 31st October 2021 £ 99327.18

Good news our investment fund total has gone up by £88476.58 which is a good increase in 6 months. Our investment fund September 2019 was at: £1968946.71 it fell to £1668023.48 in March 2020 at the start of Covid. The fund up till September 2021 sits at £2043020.12 which is £74073.41 up on September 2019 pre Covid. Since March 2020 it has gone up by £374996.64

6.3 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPBF:

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MM reported that 1 x new applications to join the charity had been received since the last meeting – Approved

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

GR reported that there was no correspondence of note to highlight to the BOT's.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUISNESS:

BC announced that this was going to be his last meeting as a trustee of the charity as he was retiring from the Police Service. CM and GR led a series of tributes to Bill and thanked him for his dedication to the charity and reflected on his sterling work over the years. RP was tasked with arranging a suitable replacement on the board.

9. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

The dates for the forthcoming BOT's meetings are scheduled as follows: -

- 1000hrs on Monday 7th February 2022- 3rd quarterly BOT's meeting – at The Police Treatment Centre, Castlebrae, Castleton Road, Auchterarder, PH3 1AG.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

CM closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their commitment, contribution and participation.