

SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

Registered Charity number SC043489

Minutes of the North Sub Committee meeting of the Scottish Police Benevolent Fund on 24th May 2022. The meeting was held via MS Teams video conferencing.

1. ATTENDEES:

Fraser Robertson
Yvonne Sloan
David Mackay
Pat Nicoll
Matt Hamilton
Gary Brown
Chris Macpherson
Gordon Forsyth

2. APOLOGIES:

Pauline Timmons
Caroline Gray
Kirsten Kiddie
Iain MacLelland

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The last meeting held took place on the 2nd March 2022 and minutes were circulated to members.

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:

There were no applications presented for consideration during this meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Nicoll advised that there is a potential for 3 new applications from D Division, however these have not yet come in and will be presented at the next meeting, should they be received.

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6. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Discussion was held with regards to the potential for an increase in debt related applications, due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Yvonne Sloan updated members that whilst there remains a healthy balance, there were more funds given out, than taken in last year.

She further advised that Ross Polworth will be carrying out station visits over the next few weeks and he will be raising the profile of the charity by distributing mugs and trolley tokens around the stations in the north. It is hoped this will encourage new members to sign up.

Matt Hamilton advised that they have seen an increase in applications for well-being related matters, including financial assistance. He further advised that "Age Scotland" provide an array of advice relating to various issues including financial advice, which they sign post relevant members to.

Gary Brown advised members that he was in the process of looking for new streams of income and has approached well known names in Scotland looking for support.

He confirmed that Jamie Ritchie, Scottish rugby, has agreed to support the charity with freebies, such as tickets and signed tops which can be used to raise money.

He further advised that Lorraine Kelly had declined when approached, but asked members to let him know if they can think of any other high-profile names who could become ambassadors/offer support.

Matt and Gary spoke briefly about the potential for a lottery to raise funds. Given the various logistics to be considered, they agreed to take this off-table to discuss further.

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

Tuesday 23rd August 2022 – 1000 hours

Fraser Robertson
Chair

Yvonne Sloan
Secretary

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