

# SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

*Registered Charity number SC043489*

Minutes of the North Sub Committee meeting of the Scottish Police Benevolent Fund on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The meeting was held via video conferencing due to the geography of committee members.

## **1. ATTENDEES:**

Yvonne Sloan  
Gordon Forsyth  
Chris Macpherson  
Pat Nicoll  
Gary Brown  
Maggie Miller  
Anji Canavan  
Ross Masson  
Matt Hamilton

## **2. OPENING OF MEETING:**

The secretary opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, welcoming the new members. She explained that the chair was unable to attend due to circumstances out with his control, and for this reason she would also be chairing the meeting.

For the benefit of all participants, each member introduced themselves and the format of the meeting was discussed.

The chair explained the importance of attending all meetings, stating that the benevolent fund is a charity which is there to help members in a time of need, and there is an expectation of attendance, even if off duty, to ensure the quorum is met. The quorum was confirmed as 6 participants and the meeting, which should have been held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, had to be cancelled due to this not being met.

The chair further advised there is an appreciation that everyone has busy day jobs, and there will be times when attendance is not possible, and for this reason further recruitment is required. The chair provided that a maximum of 18 members can be recruited to form the committee, made up as follows:

- Five members from each of the three north divisions (A, N and D)
- One member of police staff from each area
- One ASPS member
- One RPOAS member

The chair stated that she would send out a list of all current members, to confirm how many vacancies there are.

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**3. APOLOGIES:**

Pauline Timmons  
Kirsten Kiddie  
Fraser Robertson  
David Mackay

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The last meeting held took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and minutes were circulated to members. These minutes were approved by members as a true and accurate record.

**5. STANDING ITEMS:**

**5.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:**

There was one application for consideration.

**GNK0005 - Approved**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

**7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUISNESS:**

The chair thanked everyone again for their presence, stating that she hoped members appreciated the importance of these meetings, and the potential consequences if one has to be cancelled due to lack of attendance.

She further stated that the Board of Trustee's met earlier this month, where there had been an obvious increase in applications for debt related assistance. She further stated that due to the cost of living crisis, this increase is expected to continue, however helping members with debt is out with the constitution and they should be signposted to agencies who may be able to help them instead.

Gary advised members that the constitution can be found on the SPBF website and also that the chair of the board of trustee's, Cath McNally, has now retired and has been replaced by Lynne Gray.

The chair advised that whilst funds were healthy, there is concern that the number of retirements will result in a decrease in income. She further stated that she has promotional material, which will continue to be distributed around stations to promote the charity and if anybody wished any of the material for their area, she would have it sent out to them. She advised participants that membership is still just £1.50 a month and colleagues can sign up on the website. She asked members to remind colleagues that the fund exists, should they be in a time of need.

**8. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING(S):**

The chair thanked the Committee for their input and wished everyone well.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, at 1000 hours.**

**Chair  
Fraser Robertson**

**Secretary  
Yvonne Sloan**

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