

SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

Registered Charity number SC043489

Minutes of the 3rd quarterly Board of Trustees meeting of the Scottish Police Benevolent Fund on Monday 6th February 2023. The meeting was in person at the Police Treatment Centre, Auchterarder

1. ATTENDEES:

Lynne Gray (Chair)- (WAC)- LG
Mairi MacGregor (Treasurer)(Attended via VC) – MM
Gary Brown (Operations Manager) - GB
Ricky Wood (EAC) - RW
Stephen Neilson (EAC) - SN
Richard North (WAC) - RN
Gordon Forsyth (NAC) - GF
Yvonne Sloan (NAC) - YS

2. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Chair (LG) opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

LG 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:

Graham Ross - (Secretary) – (EAC)
Patrick Nicol (NAC)

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was confirmed that the minutes of the last meeting (2nd quarterly 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. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:

A total of 6 applications were on the meeting agenda for presentation / consideration, of which 3 were approved and 3 were declined – see below summary:

LWK0004- Declined

LWK0005- Approved

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GEK0012- Declined

GNK0007- Approved

GNK0008- Declined

GEXTK003- Approved (In Principle)

5.2 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPBF:

MM reported that one new application had been received since the last meeting. This applicant was accepted by the board.

6. TREASURERS UPDATE

MM gave a Treasurers breakdown of the figures re grants awards and the general finances of the charity for the proceeding 6 months. The charity remains in a healthy and viable position in keeping with the values and aspirations of it.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUISNESS:

RW advised that the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were potentially going on an organised trip to New Zealand. They are looking at SPBF considering sponsoring parts of there trip Uniform. Further information would be required if this was to be considered including a rational for SPBF support.

RW asked if Trustees knew of any applications for The Police Children's Charity that they let him know as home visits from trustees and a bit more background information would be advantageous towards these applications.

LG suggested a training day for all SPBF committee members to provide them with more information on applications and what the fund will consider in its constitution. A date and format for this will be established.

MM suggested after 10 years the Manual of Guidance could do with being reviewed. Consideration to be given to this.

GB said he would submit a letter to the retired police officers associations promoting the SPBF to see if any members wish to sign up to the fund.

A discussion was had regarding an application to the SPF for monies. It was decided the Secretary would write David Kennedy (General Secretary, elect, of the SPF).

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

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

- **Wednesday 10th May 2023** – PTC Castlebrae, 4th Quarterly meeting.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

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