

# SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

Registered Charity number SC043489

Minutes of the 4th quarterly Board of Trustees meeting of the Scottish Police Benevolent Fund on Monday "28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at The Police Treatment Centre, Castlebrae, Castleton Road, Auchterarder, PH3 1AG.

## 1. ATTENDEES:

Ricky Wood - (Secretary)- (EAC)\* - RW  
Lianne Kelly – (WAC)\*\* - LK  
Lee Hamilton – (WAC)\*\* - LH  
Gordon Forsyth - (NAC)\*\*\*- GF

Mairi MacGregor - (Treasurer) - MM  
Gary Brown – (Operations Manager) - GB

\*EAC = East Area Sub-Committee

\*\*WAC= West Area Sub-Committee

\*\*\*NAC = North Area Sub-Committee

## 2. OPENING OF MEETING:

In the absence of the Chair the Secretary (RW) opened the meeting, welcomed all present and 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:

Lynne Gray - (Chair)- (WAC), John Turley – (EAC), Jame Gowling – (EAC), Yvonne Sloan – (NAC) & Pat Nicol – (NAC)

## 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was confirmed that the minutes of the last meeting (3rd quarterly Board of Trustees meeting, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025) had previously been disseminated and received by all Trustees. The minutes were proposed by GF and seconded by LK and approved by those present as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

RW gave an update on the proposed changes to the investment portfolio and the discussions he had with Niall from Prosperis (our financial advisor). Apollo, the fund manager, were all set to carry out the necessary adjustments when USA

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tariffs effected the stock market. Changes are currently on hold until the market stabilises.

RW asked the committee how the new promotional merchandise had gone down at the various events attend by them. The committee agreed it was a good addition.

Foreign currency exchange from custodier's had done well and had raised over £1700. Trustees were asked to stay in touch with there local custodier for future donations.

Signage and plaques were to be followed up by RW to see what had been put up around the PTC to show the assistance the SPBF had provided.

The SPBF proposed updated video was discussed. Several short punchy clips were seen as the best approach. Trustees to keep an eye out good cases and willing candidates. Cost was potentially £3000.

A couple of slides with additional information were also needed for the SPF probationer inputs.

RW updated the committee on his attendance at the Scottish Senior Investigating Officers Conference. Their committee kindly donated the money from there previous evenings raffle £1240. RW thanked them and received the cheque from Anthony Green (our young fund raiser). Full update and article on the SPBF webpage.

RW updated the committee on John Turley's and his attendance at the RPOAS conference. The relationship and understanding between the two bodies continue to grow and half the money raised at the evening raffle was presented to them. £385.

Leaflets and posters for the charity was discussed. GB was to look at what other charities put out.

## **6. STANDING ITEMS**

### **6.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:**

One charity application was on the meeting agenda for presentation / consideration, it was declined.

**GWL0016** -

Declined

### **6.2 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPBF:**

There were no new applications to join.

## **7. TREASURES REPORT:**

MM presented the Treasurer's report, the 4th quarter of the financial year 2024/2025. The fund is performing well and there is a surplus of £134190.35 in the year to date. The main bank account is very health and some of this money will

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be transferred to the investment fund once the markets calm down. At the moment they are still accruing a good rate of interest.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

An unpaid loan was discussed and how to approach this. MM and GB confirmed there was a process for debt recovery. It was agreed the process should be followed in the first instance. The officer had been given an 18-month honeymoon period on payment of the original loan. It was agreed these would not be offered again to future applicants.

SPBF had been approached by Allan Finley, Utilities Warehouse to see if we would promote his services looking at best price for utilities and insurances to our members. RW had already had a meeting with him, and he will present to the committee on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 via Teams.

Training for committee members was also discussed. It was agreed that a basic training and knowledge package should be developed for area committees. More in-depth training on Trustees responsibilities for the main board. Trustees training had been provided some years ago, MM to contact the previous provider.

#### **9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Lauren Semple, Chair of SPRA Equestrian Section had been in touch about the UK Police Equestrian Championship to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025. They would like to donate 40% of any profits raised to the SPBF. RW had spoken with her about her request for a banner and logo.

James Archibald of the Specialist Crime Division had been in touch regarding their conference to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 at the Scottish Police College. He was looking for a stall and possibly a presentation. RW had made initial contact.

#### **10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUISNESS:**

Nil

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

The dates for the forthcoming BOT's meeting were scheduled as follows: -

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August, meeting and AGM.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### **12. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

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

**Lynne Gray**  
**Chair**

**Ricky Wood**  
**Secretary**

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