

Scottish Police Benevolent Fund

The Scottish Police Charity

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Police Benevolent Fund held on Monday 22 August 2016 at Perth Police Office Perth

1. Members Present

Nigel Bathgate
Martin Bertram
Martyn Turner
Bill Clark
Fiona Morris
Catherine McNally
Grant McDowall

In Attendance

Mairi MacGregor
Arthur Donaldson
David McLuckie
John Crawford
Andrew McKay
Stewart Carle
Mark Mulholland (Auditor)
Gary Brown
Paul Connelly
John Ferguson

2. Opening of Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present. It was agreed that in the absence of the Secretary David Hamilton, Fiona Morris would take the Minutes.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Andrew Fairie, David Hamilton and Steven Clark.

4. Election of Trustees

The Trustees were elected as follows

East Area

Nigel Bathgate
Grant McDowall
Stephen Clark

North Area

David Hamilton
Bill Clark

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Martyn Turner

West Area

Martin Bertram
Fiona Morris
Catherine McNally

5. Chair's Report

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked the North area for providing the facilities for the AGM. He further thanked the Scottish Police Federation for their continued assistance with administrative support and Mairi MacGregor for her work and praised her expertise in the area of finance.

The Chair confirmed that the new Chief Constable Phil Gormley had accepted his role as honourable President, however, work commitments meant that he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair updated the Meeting on the local Area Committees, the investment with Apollo and the still vacant role of Fund Liaison Officer. The Chair also provided an update on the success of the videos in marketing the SPBF, 500 You Tube views through website, 24,000 adverts on Facebook timelines and 8,000 views of the videos on Facebook.

6. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

The Treasurer advised that the accounts had been audited by Alexander Sloan Chartered Accountants and a copy was made available for the Committee. Mark Mulholland was in attendance at the meeting and provided a full update.

Mark Mulholland confirmed that over the course of the year £225,135 was received from members of the Fund which enabled payments of grants to £126,241 and donations to charities amounted to £87,700. Mark Mulholland also provided the Committee an update on Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the related Statement of Recommended Practice 2015, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

A member asked regarding "Gift Aid" and Mairi MacGregor explained that the service was still operating with legacy payrolls and that currently 6 out of the 8 payrolls includes "gift aid" however it is hoped that a move to 1 payroll will allow this to be set up.

7. New Business

7.1 Consideration of Change to Constitution

The Chair explained a proposed change to the Constitution and the rationale behind it. Replacing Paragraph 67 with *"The Charity Trustees must elect (from among themselves) a Chair and a Secretary."*

And adding

Paragraph 67.1 *"The Charity trustees must identify a suitable person to undertake the role as Treasurer. This person may be from the Board of Trustees."*

This change was agreed.

8. AOCB

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There were no items of AOCB.

9. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

10. Time, Date and location of next meeting.

The next meeting would be held at 10 am on 23 August 2017, the venue would be circulated in due course.

11. Closure of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. He wished everyone a safe journey home.

Martin Bertram
Chair

Fiona Morris
Trustee