

SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

Registered Charity number SC043489

Minutes of the East Sub Committee fourth quarterly meeting of the SPBF held within SPF East Area Office, 9 Houstoun Interchange, Livingston on Tuesday 28th November 2017.

1. OPENING OF MEETING:

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to those present and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Grant McDowall (Chairman) – GM
Nigel Bathgate – NB
Wilkie McCloskey – WM
Ricky Wood – RW

David McLuckie - DM
Stephen Clark (Secretary) - SC
David Reid – DR

Hugh Loudon – HL

3. APOLOGIES:

Apologies had been received from the following sub-committee members:

Amanda Givan
Scott Meechan
Mark Wilson

Paul Redwood
Ivor Marshall
Brian Jones

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting were disseminated on 29th September 2017 and they approved by those present as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

The committee were advised that there were 2 applications to be considered:

GEE0006 - Details of the application were presented by GM. As a result of discussions the sub-committee approved a grant of £5,000.00 - to cover the entire cost of the holiday plus spending monies.

GM agreed to communicate the decision to the applicant following the meeting. SC advised he would communicate the decision to the SPBF Treasurer for the monies to be processed accordingly.

GWE0018 - Details of the application were presented by SC. As a result of discussions the sub-committee approved a grant of approximately £3,256.00 - to include the purchase of a new mobility scooter (£1,939.00 - as per the model presented), as well as repayment of the outstanding rent arrears (approximately £557.00 as of 15/11/17) and the outstanding credit card balance (£760.00 as of 15/11/17). The

sub-committee directed that all monies are to be paid direct to the various companies, i.e. the mobility scooter, Fife Council and Vanquis credit cards.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

NB and DM highlighted the existence of the Police Dependants Trust (PDT) and explained that it was a UK police charity similar to that of the SPBF and that there may be occasions when applicants to the SPBF could also be directed to the PDT for potential assistance and support. A representative of the PDT had contacted DM and offered to attend at one of the SPBF East Area meetings to provide committee members with an insight and awareness into the work of the charity.

It was explained that the PDT had existed since the 1960's and the charity provides financial support to police officers and their families in the event of that officer being killed or seriously incapacitated while on duty. In particular, the Trust supports:

- dependants* of police officers, or former police officers, who die, or have died, as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty;
- police officers, or former police officers, who are, or have been incapacitated as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty; and
- dependants* of police officers, or former police officers, who are, or have been incapacitated as a result of an injury received in the execution of duty.

*Dependants can refer to spouses, partners and children, but may also include elderly parents and other relatives, and foster/adoptive/step children for example.

The committee were unanimously in favour of extending an invitation to the PDT to attend a future SPBF East Area meeting and SC agreed to contact the PDT accordingly.

The profile of the SPBF and efforts to continually raise awareness amongst colleagues in the east was discussed and HL suggested hosting future east area meetings at different divisional locations. This suggestion received the full support of the committee.

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NB further suggested erecting the SPBF display banner within the relevant stations (canteens? etc) on the days of the meetings, along with any available freebies (i.e. SPBF clipboards etc). This was also acknowledged as a good idea.

in terms of the above - SC agreed to look at suitable venues for forthcoming meetings – please see 9. below.

9. DATES AND VENUES FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

- 1400hrs on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at Livingston police station, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF;
- 1400hrs on Tuesday 29th May 2018 at St.Leonards police station, 14 St. Leonard's St, Edinburgh EH8 9QW;
- 1400hrs on Monday 20th August 2018 at Dunfermline police station, 2 Holyrood Place, Dunfermline, KY12 7PA; and
- 1400hrs on Tuesday 27th November 2018 at Stirling police station, Randoiphfield, St. Ninians Road, Stirling, Stirlingshire, FK8 2HD.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman thereafter closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions and wished everyone a safe journey home.

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