



Scottish Police Federation **East Area Committee**

Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting of the East Area Committee of the Scottish Police Federation held on Wednesday 4 March 2026 within The Houston House Hotel, Uphall, Livingston, EH52 6JS

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chair, Ricky Wood, welcomed all those in attendance to this, the first quarterly meeting of the East Area Committee for 2026, giving a special welcome to Phillip McIntosh, Leigh Skirving and Liam Arbuthnott who were attending their first meeting following their election. Neil Cheyne, attending as an observer was also given a warm welcome.

Once again, the Chair reiterated to those present that Quarterly Meetings are a duty parade and that the onus was on them as representatives to ensure that Scope is updated in relation to their attendance, stressing the importance of attending and contributing on behalf of their respective ranks.

The Chair informed those present that the DCC had been invited to attend the meeting however, it was unclear whether he would be able to attend.

The Chair next informed the attendees of the Fire Procedures in the event of an emergency, thereafter, reminding those present that every member would have the opportunity to express their views and that **all** points or issues **must** be directed through the Chair allowing everyone who wished to participate the opportunity to do so.

Standing Orders were adopted and the meeting was then declared open.

1. **ATTENDANCE**

Inspector Phillip McIntosh	C - Forth Valley
Inspector James McLaren	C - Forth Valley
Sergeant Chris Scott	C - Forth Valley
Constable Laura Gray	C - Forth Valley
Constable Jim Bayne	C - Forth Valley

Inspector Quentin Russell	E - Division
Inspector Richard Cockbain	E - Division
Inspector Marc Copland	E - Division
Sergeant Douglas Bryce	E - Division
Constable Brandon McKendrick	E - Division
Constable Sarah Nimmo	E - Division

Inspector David Hughes	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Inspector David MacMillan	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Sergeant James Gowling	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Sergeant Fraser Muir	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Sergeant Leigh Skirving	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Constable Gareth Watt	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Constable Darren Gallagher	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders
Constable Liam Arbuthnott	J - The Lothian's & Scottish Borders

Inspector Craig Stephen	P - Fife
Inspector Samantha Davidson	P - Fife
Sergeant Craig Menzies	P - Fife
Sergeant Gavin Alcorn	P - Fife
Sergeant Martyn Reidie	P - Fife
Constable Anthony Clark	P - Fife

David Reid	Secretary
Ricky Wood	Chair
Chris Richardson	Vice-Chair
Lyn Redwood	Deputy Secretary
Deborah Kennedy	SPF Staff

OBSERVER

Inspector Neil Cheyne	C - Forth Valley
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2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Billy McFarland, Graeme Boyle, Perri Hislop, David Davison, Michael Dixon, Laurence Barnett, Mike Smith and Ross Drummond.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the preceding meeting held on Wednesday 3 December 2025 had previously been disseminated to the Committee via TEAMS. The minutes were agreed and thereafter recorded as a true reflection of the meeting. (Proposed by David Hughes and seconded by Dougie Bryce).

4. SEPARATE RANK COMMITTEES

The Committee split for separates to discuss matters specific to their rank.

5. SPF MANIFESTO DEBRIEF

The Chair asked for feedback on the SPF's manifesto and the political conference that was held in February. Discussions ensued on the manifesto's surprise inclusion of firearms in cars, and the rationale behind the firearms proposal citing incidents where officers were unarmed and the need for quicker access to firearms. Concerns were raised about practicality, high cost of training, implementing firearms, and the potential risks of having guns in cars.

The manifesto has been well-received, especially the visitor levy and the focus on policing resources.

Political Engagement and Funding Issues - the importance of political engagement and the need for more funding for police was discussed. A special thanks was afforded to Michael Dixon, Sarah Nimo, and Chris Richardson for their efforts in political engagement, particularly in securing funding for Edinburgh police. The challenges of balancing the Police Service of Scotland's budget, including a funding gap of £12 million leading to a reduction in new recruits was discussed. Also mentioned was the impact of budget cuts on overtime and the need for more officers to successfully implement PFOC across Scotland.

Concerns were raised about the health and safety of Operation Night Guard officers in Edinburgh City centre due to overtime cuts. There is a requirement to maintain a safe number of officers to ensure effective policing within Edinburgh City centre. Risk assessments are also required to determine the appropriate staffing levels for various

duties, considering the challenges of meeting operational demands with reduced resources. In addition, consideration must be given to the potential for health and safety investigations should any incidents occur.

The challenges of maintaining custody suites with reduced resources and the potential for closing more suites raised concerns about the impact of reduced custody capacity on the ability to detain suspects. A safe system of work is required to ensure adequate staffing in custody suites. There is a definite need for more funding, political engagement, and independent research.

The planning of conference was discussed and the need for a speaker. The Vice Chair, Lyn Redwood, spoke of the importance of mental health services for officers asking that a mental health expert be asked to attend. Those present also debated the conference venue, highlighting the ethical concerns about associating with a controversial figure such as Donald Trump. They noted the hotel's fixed prices, the reluctance of the Finance Committee to provide detailed cost figures, along with the challenges of finding a suitable venue that can accommodate the number of attendees and offer exclusivity. The importance of transparency and a thorough review process for procurement and event organization was emphasised. Discussions will be fed back to Woodside Place by the Chair.

6. RANK SEPARATES

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7. MATTERS ARISING

(a) JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE (JCC) - UPDATE

Those present were updated by the Secretary, who provided an overview of the JCC, its members, and their respective roles for the benefit of the new representatives. The key points worthy of note from the JCC had been circulated via TEAMS to the Committee who acknowledged their receipt and understanding.

The last meeting of the JCC was held on 3rd and 4th February 2026 at Woodside Place, Glasgow.

Rank Separate meetings took place with matters relating to each rank discussed.

Legal Advice and Assistance - the Deputy General Secretary provided an overview of the number of legal cases ongoing within the areas since the last JCC meeting including criminal offences, employment disputes, and personal injury cases. The bulk of the legal spending is for criminal off duty offences. This cover is not provided

by PFEW or PFNI anymore. The number of probationers seeking legal assistance is also continuing to rise.

Live Applications for Judicial Review - The committee were advised of the following applications that have been submitted for Judicial Review:

- WhatsApp case - Regulation 9 paperwork being disputed
- Disband the Federation - paperwork has been received from Leigh Day

Officers **must** apply for SPF Legal Assistance **before leaving or retiring** from the service otherwise, coverage under the Voluntary Fund is unlikely.

Sheku Bayoh Public Inquiry – there has been no progress on the inquiry since the last meeting. A new Chair, Lord Colbeck, has been appointed. Some of the officers involved have met with the First Minister, the first individual above ACC level to engage directly with them. The meeting was positive, with officers providing a clear and compelling account of the impact the inquiry has had on them. Two FOI's have been requested, and they have shown that PSoS are not discriminatory in relation to either policies or procedures.

Pension Trap – legal advice has been received and forwarded onto Counsel for a detailed review. A final position is expected shortly.

Hurt Feelings - the Thompsons case remains sisted. When there is an update of note a circular will be sent out.

Legal Aid – previously officers had not been approved for legal aid when facing criminal allegations; however, this was challenged and legal aid was subsequently granted to an officer. This precedent will be considered in future cases where alternative sources of legal funding may be available.

Work Force Agreement – we continue to receive reports of rostering being arranged outside the WFA framework. Seeking legal advice may be an appropriate way to address the issue. The matter is being consistently raised with the service, and we will write to Divisional Commanders whenever we are made aware of any breach of the WFA.

Case of Note – key stroke monitoring technology is being used by the service to identify officers who may not be actively working. There have been a small number of cases where individuals working from home have used key-jamming techniques to simulate activity. In addition to concerns about lack of work engagement there are issues around devices being left powered on and unsecured, creating potential security and data protection risks. Criminal charges have been brought in these cases.

Appeals – no legal appeals were heard at the last Joint Central Committee (JCC).

Police Negotiating Board Scotland (PNBS) - the last PNBS meeting was held on 30th September 2025. There had been no meetings since the last JCC however, one was held on 18th February 2026.

A circular was issued in relation to the 0.4% officers will receive due to the increased CPI figure, paid in February. The uplift will not apply to the on-call allowances, which are set in stone.

The Fraser of Allander report is still not finalised. SPF are not happy with the initial drafts; there appears to be no cognisance taken to the risk our job involves along with all the rest day cancellations and the impact this has on officers' health.

The PNB(S) Technical Working Group met on 30th January 2026 where several outstanding issues were discussed.

The new maternity/adoption changes will see a cut off from 1st April 2026 and only mothers who give birth on or after this date will be entitled to the new enhancements. The handbook will be updated in respect of the changes to allowances and the new agreement regarding maternity/paternity leave.

2026/27 Pay Award - has been agreed and those present were asked what they would like to see negotiated for the years to come in relation to allowances etc. SPF are still pushing for a pay index however; the Scottish Government are not in favour of this. On the back of a motion being passed at the last JCC, the SPF will look to agree an anti-social allowance payment in any future pay deal. Those present had also discussed more annual leave; bridging the gap between Sergeants and Inspectors pay due to the heavy workload Sergeants are now expected to carry with extra responsibilities being put upon them; reduction of working week; increase in annual leave; reintroducing public holidays to improve officer time off to name a few.

The Secretary informed the committee that a Working Group has been established by local officers and SPF reps to review the current annual leave policy. Craig Stephen is part of the working group. It was highlighted that the current rigid leave block system is impacting officers' wellbeing. The need for a more effective approach was recognised. It has been suggested that fixed leave blocks be removed and that leave be managed locally, due to concerns regarding the impact on officers' welfare and resilience. Craig asked those present to feed any ideas they had to him and he would bring these to the table when the group next met.

PENSIONS

Scheme Advisory Board – last met on 27 January 2026.

The Secretary discussed the worsening conditions affecting Scottish Police Officers, including pension changes (requirement to stay until age 60), overpayment claims in relation to some retired police officers, software inefficiencies delaying retirement calculations with some officers waiting for up to four months.

The Scottish Police Pensions Board – there have been no meetings since the last JCC.

All information around pensions and advice should come from the SPPA, **not the SPF**, as the source of information. The SPPA dedicated police pension enquiry number is 01896 893000 (Option 3).

Scottish Police Consultative Forum (SPCF) – there have been no meetings since the last JCC. The next meeting will be held on 16 March 2026.

Scottish Police Authority (SPA) – the last SPA Board meeting was held on 27th November 2025. This meeting is a public one, and while our SPF representatives attend, they cannot participate in it, only observe.

The PSoS Workforce survey was discussed which included staff and officers combined. SPF has asked PSoS to split up the responses to see what the officers are saying as opposed to the mix of civilians and police. Praise was expressed for Operation Moonbeam, with acknowledgement that the level of disorder was significantly lower than in previous years. Facial recognition was also discussed, including how it had been implemented by the Metropolitan Police, alongside objections raised by the Biometrics Commissioner.

Peoples Committee - last meeting was held on 25th February 2026. Topics discussed included the “Your Voice Matters” initiative and the findings of the second survey, which showed little improvement, with 97% of participants believing Police Scotland was not on track to create a thriving workforce.

The Chief Constable requested additional funding for extra police officers however, this was declined by the SPA. Officers are currently owed 23,000 rest days!

Probationer training has now extended to 18 weeks and will include trauma training. However, no reference was made to trauma training for tutors or existing serving officers.

Prior to the creation of PSoS there were approximately 1,400 Special Constables compared to the current figure of 363.

Resources Committee – the last meeting was held on 25 December 2025 with the next taking place on 18th February 2026. Topics worthy of note discussed had been Presidents Trump and then vice President Vance’s visit to Scotland; PSoS not having enough officers; poor quality of the Estates Master Plan and its lack of clear, concise information on their website; station closures and the impact this is having on the public and relevant associations and, the need for better communication.

East office FTOB’s and local representatives have written to and met with councilors, opposition councilors, at Community Council meetings etc. There were approximately 550 stations in existence when Police Scotland was created and approximately 200 or so have been closed. A question was asked in relation to the Salary Sacrifice Scheme for vehicles; however, this has nothing to do with SPF. It is PSoS who would administer this if it went ahead. It could affect pension tax contributions for officers who participated in the scheme, and should it come to fruition, the SPF would look to make officers aware of this.

Joint Negotiating Consultative Committee (JNCC) - the last meeting was held on 16th December 2025. Next meeting is due to take place on 6 March 2026.

The Chief Constable traditionally chaired this meeting however, she has not attended recently, including the last JNCC. It is now chaired by Deputy Chief Constable, with some Assistant Chief Constable’s in attendance.

Points worthy of note, Police Service of Scotland are networking with Edinburgh University regarding OBL’s. Mediation is up in grievance cases, and a toolkit will be produced to assist.

RDU, remain in a critical state, and the challenges they are facing were outlined in detail. They requested an additional 240 members of staff to continue operating effectively.

The SPF consultation for the rollout of the FMM and SCD finished on January 23rd, with over 500 responses received. This will all be collated and fed back into PSoS.

Finance Standing Committee (FSC) - the last meeting was held on 29th January 2026. An in-depth review of the income and expenditure for the financial year was given. Voluntary Fund and the Member Benefits fund are in a healthy position's investment wise.

Conduct & Equality Standing Committee – there have been no meetings of the Conduct and Equality Standing Committees since the last JCC.

Health & Safety Standing Committee - there have been no meetings since the last JCC.

SPF Training – undernoted are dates arranged for training for the East Area:

- **Conduct Training** – Reps – 28th January 2026
- **Equality Training** – Reps – 7th and 26th April 2026
- **Health, Safety & Welfare Training** - Reps – 20th January 2026

Those who had attended the Conduct and Health, Safety & Welfare Training where asked their thoughts on the training comments had been they had found it very worthwhile giving a good insight into what to expect.

Police Service of Scotland Reform - the rollout of body worn video cameras is progressing well, with over 5200 issued. The SPF is assured that officers will have access to devices even when working away from their home station. The 30 second lag is critical and has proven to help capture incidents for which there was no warning or indication that it was going to happen. There are issues with the fiscals transcribing body worn video footage, adding to officer workloads. The SPF is pushing back on the need for transcription, suggesting technological solutions.

Policing For Our Communities (PFOC) – this is being led by ACC Mairs with current pilot being carried out in C Division aiming to reshape the way PSoS deal with and allocate call and demand. Unfortunately, it is not having the impact it should have had due to insufficient resources. It has recently been extended to P division. Many officers on flexible work plans are being moved into a PFOC roles, and this is being taken to JNCC to ensure our members needs are being considered.

SOPs/Consultations – the Secretary said he appreciated the effort made by those who had responded to the many SOPs/Consultations received since the last quarterly meeting. It is important that PSoS hear the views of the SPF and the officers prior to PSoS signing these off, otherwise what is proposed will be implemented.

EuroCOP/ICPRA – no meetings since the last JCC.

Police Rated Charities – the Chair updated those present in relation to the charities. The SPF is encouraging officers to join the charities and take advantage of the support available. Those present were asked to also push the charities within their relevant divisions/departments.

Police Treatment Centre – the center is working on PTSD treatment and sensory garden projects. Two weeks waiting time in Auchterarder for Physiotherapy and 13 weeks for Wellbeing. It is in a strong financial position.

Police Children's Charity – the charity is in a strong financial position.

Scottish Police Benevolent Fund – is looking at assisting other charities and improving wellbeing initiatives.

Scottish Police Memorial Trust – Annual Memorial Day will be held on 2nd September 2026 at the Scottish Police College. The EAC Third Quarterly meeting in September has been moved back a week to allow east officers to attend the service.

Police Remembrance Trust – the Police Memorial Day will be held on 27th September 2026 in Belfast.

SPF Annual Awards – the next awards ceremony is to be held in November 2026. Links are on the SPF website www.spf.org.uk

The Secretary explained the various phases of the process. The voting for nominations is now open, and the Secretary encouraged those present to spread the word about the awards and to ask officers to nominate colleagues for the awards, highlighting the good work that is being done.

Deep Dive – into “Events Policing”, is concluded it covered areas such as transportation, catering, training and resourcing. Findings have shown a lack of coherent training for the op's planners. A report to be sent to ACC Waddle detailing SPF findings.

Motions – There were four motions at JCC:

- JCC Location Rotation – North Area (Passed)
- Anti-Social Hour Enhancement – East & West Areas (Passed)
- New Rule – West Area (Defeated)
- Child Care Payment Provision - East Area (Passed)

Date of next JCC Meeting is Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th May 2026 in Aberdeen.

(b) AREA LEAD UPDATES (Conduct, Equality & Health & Safety)

CONDUCT - preceding the meeting the Deputy Secretary, Lyn Redwood, provided a brief update on TEAMS. Topics of interest included:

Figures were provided relating to the East Area Committee. Conduct updates show a decrease in on-duty criminal cases but an increase in off-duty cases. Criminal Cases are the largest cost to the legal fund. Off duty is still covered by us, albeit other Police Federations do not cover off duty criminal allegations. This may be a consideration our Deputy General Secretary when looking at costs for our legal fees, as this is what is pushing our fees upwards. The SPF is looking into the use of legal

aid firms to represent officers who do qualify. Data Protection Breaches are on the rise, with an increase in driving violations and neglect of duty cases

The Deputy Secretary once again thanked all committee members who had been assisting with officers undergoing the conduct process, noting that their support is greatly appreciated.

EQUALITY – the Vice Chair, Chris Richardson, provided an update preceding the meeting on TEAMS. Topics worthy of note:

Particular Case Status/Extension of pay – current PCS criteria was explained to those present.

Common Divisional Issues – legally required Pregnancy and Maternity risk assessments are not being consistently completed following role changes or notification of pregnancy, highlighting concerns regarding lack of understanding, accountability, and ownership in relation to statutory responsibilities and officer welfare.

Move to review modified duties and flexible working with a focus on those with modified duties. The service should be following due process therefore those in attendance were asked to let the Vice-Chair know if they knew of anyone having problems with this issue. The service does not appear to be following their own guidance for supervisors which has recently been put out therefore, the SPF need to hold them accountable.

Mental Health and Policing - thanks were passed on from the Vice Chair on behalf of SPF Chair David Threadgold to the members and committee who contributed to the most recent survey request for the Scottish Parliament Justice Committee regarding suicide prevention and officer mental health and wellbeing. The collated information was presented to parliament on 18/02/2026.

People and Equality Training – will take place within the Livingston Office on 7 April 2026 and Wednesday 15 April 2026 for those representatives who have not already and wish to be trained.

HEALTH & SAFETY – the Chair, Ricky Wood, distributed an update to the Committee via TEAMS pre-meeting, highlighting some key Health and Safety issues both at a local and National Level. A few of the topics discussed were:

One of the key issues that came out earlier in the year was the police driving prescribed training regulations of 2022. Since 2014 SPF have been telling the police service of Scotland that this change was coming and would affect the police service. They chose to ignore our warnings. The National Police Chief's Council said, if PSoS

did not sort driver training out, they would be put on special measures and the ability to attend on blues and twos would be removed. Whilst they are trying to correct this, there are still gaps in driver training. Fast roads training is still pending.

Training video to back up the Moodle package for fast roads is still awaited and training remains pending despite the Chair stating at every meeting that practical training is required this has been put into the long grass. Eighteen months ago, the Chair, Ricky Wood, wrote to ACC Richie prior to his retirement. ACC Richie stated he intended to email every single public order officer who was out of card. However, this did not materialise. Instead, the period for remaining in card for Method of Entry (MOE) training was extended from two years to four years. The Chair has now written to Chief Superintendent Dolan, asking him, when our officers will be trained, before there is a risk of injury or worse. No response yet.

Assaults – continue to rise. Your Safety Matters has been revisited to look at issues relating to assaults.

Constant Observations - issues continue around constant Obs.

8. DIVISIONAL SEPARATES

Updates will be forwarded onto the East Area mailbox.

9. DIVISIONAL UPDATES – “C”, “E”, “J” & “P”

“C” Division – EAC representatives attended a meeting on Friday 13th February 2026 with Chief Superintendent Roddy Irvine and Superintendent Lynsey Kidd, and Superintendent McCallum. Topics discussed and worthy of note had been:

Several officers still remain who have been successful in applying for alternative roles and will therefore no longer fall within C Division. They have been advised that bids submitted on their behalf have been rejected. This is looked at on an individual basis. The division does not currently have the correct number of officers, and work is ongoing to bring staffing levels to where they need to be. As a result, there cannot be a blanket agreement allowing all officers awaiting postings to move. This reflects both a local divisional issue and a wider national issue with final decision resting with the DCC.

Other issues discussed had been the Community Investigation Hub shift pattern and the concerns raised by many officers over the shift and the impact it is having on them; Concerns regarding changing parameters/boundaries and amalgamated stations; Domestic Abuse Task Force put in place making a significant impact on domestic cases and issues within custody.

“E” Division - Sarah Nimmo met with Commander David Robertson, Superintendent Kathryn Fairfield, Superintendent Hamilton, and Chief Inspector Mairi Creanor. Topics discussed worthy of note had been the late release of 26/26 Leave Blocks; Policing for our Communities (Provisional go-live date for E division in June 2026 with approximately 80 officers); Resources and the managing of overtime; SCD being used for events yet unable to volunteer for over-time; Driving Restrictions and timelines to get sufficient officers blue light trained; Custody and waiting times; Political Engagement and concerns regarding probationers leaving Tulliallan being deployed and not having passed Exams.

“J” Division – David Macmillan, Fraser Muir, Leigh Skirving and David Hughes attended a meeting on 5th March 2026 with Chief Superintendent Banks, Superintendent Fletcher, Superintendent Carson, D/Superintendent MacGregor, and Superintendent Thomson. Topics discussed worthy of note had been:

Resourcing (OBL's) and concerns from SPF re the division/subdivisions regularly running below OBL's; Double Sectoring continuing to be used by division; Departments being used to backfill response policing; LPA appointments are being regularly cancelled due to a lack of available resources and possibility of division be given the ability to rebook failed appointments in the diary rather than relying on C3; Continued lack of CPD for officers with everything bar essential training cancelled and continuing issues around officers having to travel excessive distances for custody processing.

“P” Division – SPF Representatives met with Senior Management on Tuesday 3 March 2026. Topics discussed worthy of note were:

Officers balancing flexible working patterns, how these will be reviewed and how these are being worked out in relation to distribution and demand; Work Force Agreement and random shift times; Lack of planning from Ops planning regarding transport; Future of custody and closure of the busiest centre Kirkcaldy; Fiscal and Court Stand-by and the RDU Portal.

P Division are also concerned about the issues around the use of Special Constables and the lack of training/interest for them. One of the local Inspectors has taken the initiative and is trying to improve this.

The Chair asked for volunteers for political engagement and spoke of the importance of pushing the manifesto, emphasizing the need to record lobbying activities with councillors and MSPs to raise such as the police budget, funding, the cuts impact the government's proposals etc.

Currently our Deputy General Secretary has signed off the Workforce Agreement and has asked for the views of the committees. Discussions ensued about the workforce agreement and the continual breaches of it by the service. The Committee were split in their views with regards looking to withdrawing from it or to continue trying to get an agreed position on deployments with PSoS. They felt they required more clarity in relation on what PSoS would do if we did withdraw from the workforce agreement. The mixed views of the committee will be reported back.

The Secretary reminded those present to submit the contact forms for officers they are assisting, explaining to the new representatives how the contact forms are submitted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Chair read out a letter from James McLaren as notification of his resignation from the East Area Committee and his position as Forth Valley Inspectors Representative, Chair of the Inspector Rank and Separates Committee of the East Area Committee due to his retiral from Police Scotland on the 31st of March 2026. James expressed his gratitude to the committee members and extended best wishes for their careers.

The Chair then thanked James for his kind words and his significant commitment over many years. He highlighted James's extensive involvement in work relating to pay, PNB and JCC, among many other areas. He said that James would be missed and this his departure would be a considerable loss to both the East Committee and the Federation as a whole.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None received

13 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None received

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair said he hoped that the new EAC Representatives had gained some insight and would leave with a better understanding of how the East Area Committee operates internally. He went on to say that the travelling of the JCC across the country would hopefully encourage more representatives to become involved with the JCC. He concluded by wishing everyone in attendance a safe journey home.

The Vice-Chair asked for a show of appreciation for the Chair for the orderly running of the meeting and the meeting was closed.

The next EAC Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 June 2026 at the McDonald House Hotel, Uphall, EH52 6JS.

David Reid
Secretary

Ricky Wood
Chair