

MDPROA News Update November 2025

AGM/Reunion

The MDPROA held its Annual General Meeting and Reunion at the King Robert Hotel, Stirling over the period 28th/29th October 2025 with 34 members and guests including MDP T/Deputy Chief Constable Simon Dobinson, DPF General Secretary Darren Mitchell and Force Liaison Officer Inspector Alison Harfield. T/CCMDP Kier Pritchard joined the reunion as a guest at the gala dinner and on behalf of the association was pleased to present a gift to retiring Treasurer Ken Hicks. Mr Pritchard also presented Linda Stewart with a Chief Constables Commendation for her 32 years of outstanding service to the Clyde Marine Unit along with a 30year Bar for the LS&GC Medal and the Kings Coronation Medal. He also presented Sandy Stewart with a 30year Bar for the LS&GC Medal along with the Kings Coronation Medal.

This year Treasurer **Ken Hicks** announced that he was stepping down from the post having held the position for 6 years. Chair Mel Goudie thanked Ken for all the work he had done in managing the accounts during his period in office.

As a consequence of Ken stepping down this left a vacancy on the Committee resulting in a few changes to the membership including the election of a new member Dee Finn. The new Committee is as follows – **Mel Goudie** - Chair, **Sandy Stewart** – Vice Chair, **David King** – Secretary, **Glyn Wilson** – Treasurer, **Catriona McBeath MBE** – Assistant Secretary, **John Barber**, **Neville Carter**, **Chris McComb** and **Dee Finn**.

The AGM received updates from association officers and an informative overview of Force/Federation activities from both the T/DCC Simon Dobinson and General Secretary Darren Mitchell. Members also approved minor amendments to the Association's Rules 3, 4 and 9 deemed as a simple tidying up exercise by deleting reference to Talk Through and using the Training School as a venue for the AGM/Reunion.

The **2026** AGM/Reunion will be held in the Stallingborough Grange Hotel, Grimsby during the weekend Friday 16th to Monday 19th October. The application form will be posted out to members shortly. It can also be downloaded from the ROA website [Retired Officers Association - Defence Police Federation](#)

Pension Update

Following the recent ONS announcement of the September increase in the Consumer Price Index Civil Service Pensions will rise by **3.8%** from 6th April next year. The increase will only apply to those that have been in receipt of the pension for at least 12 months, otherwise pro-rata increases will apply.

It has also been revealed that the state pension will rise by **4.8%** from April 2026 thanks to the Triple Lock calculations. This is expected to be confirmed by the Chancellor in the Autumn Budget statement on 26th November.

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