

**NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE HELD AT 10:00AM ON 12 OCTOBER 2006 IN WATERSIDE TOWER,  
BELFAST**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:**

Mr Barry Gilligan (Chairman)  
Professor Sir Desmond Rea (Vice-Chairman)  
(1) Mrs Dolores Kelly  
(1) Ms Deirdre Mac Bride  
Ms Dawn Purvis  
(2) Mr Suneil Sharma

**PSNI REPRESENTATIVE  
IN ATTENDANCE:**

(3) Mr Paul Leighton (Deputy Chief Constable)  
(3) Mr Drew Harris (ACC Criminal Justice)  
(3) 2 Representatives

**OFFICIALS IN  
ATTENDANCE:**

Dr Debbie Donnelly, Deputy Chief Executive  
(4) Mrs Sinead Simpson, Director of Policy  
Mr David Jackson, Director of Community Affairs  
4 Officials

- (1) Item numbers 4.4 to 16
- (2) Item numbers 3.2 to 16
- (3) Item number 8
- (4) Item numbers 8 to 16

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Fred Cobain, Ms Arlene Foster and Mrs Pauline McCabe.

**2. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2006**

It was:

**AGREED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Human Rights Committee held on 21 September 2006 be agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 AUGUST 2006**

**3.1 Quarterly PACE 1/TA Stop Search Returns – January – March 2006** (Item 3.6 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that a paper will be brought to the November 2006 meeting. NOTED

**3.2 Correspondence From The Committee On The Administration Of Justice** (Item 4.1 Of Minutes Refers)

A meeting has been arranged between the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Committee on the Administration of Justice. NOTED

**3.3 International Law Enforcement Forum (ILEF) Conference 7 – 9 November 2006** (Item 4.2 Of Minutes Refers)

A paper on the International Law Enforcement Forum has been brought to the attention of the October Board meeting. NOTED

**3.4 Police Ombudsman's (OPONI) Report Into The Complaint Regarding The Abduction And Murder Of Mrs Jean McConville** (Item 6 Of Minutes Refers)

A letter had been sent to OPONI welcoming the report and noting its conclusions. NOTED

**3.5 Custody Visitors Statistics For July 2006** (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

Officials advised that arrangements were now in hand for Custody Visitor statistics to be presented to the Committee on a quarterly basis. NOTED.

**3.6 District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) Members Attendance – Lisburn** (Item 8 Of Minutes Refers)

A letter of resignation from the DPP member was received in advance of the case being referred to the Board. NOTED

**3.7 Future Of District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) In Context Of Review Of Public Administration** (Item 9 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted that:

- The Chairman of the Committee outlined the Board's preferred approach on a way forward at the DPP Chairman and Vice Chairman's Forum meeting on 28 September 2006.
- The DPP working, comprising representatives of NIO, PSNI, SOLACE and DPP Managers endorsed the approach taken by the Board at a meeting on 29 September 2006.
- Members received a copy of RPA and other related research on Community Planning.
- A further paper had been brought to the Committee on an approach to consultation and engagement on the way forward.
- That a visit was being arranged to Strathclyde Police Service.

NOTED

**DPP Underspend 2005 – 2006 (Item 10.1 Of Minutes Refers)**

A paper will be brought to the December Committee which would review DPP expenditure during the first half of 2006/07.

**3.9 Community Based Restorative Justice Working Group (Item 4.2 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Committee noted that the Board had agreed that Ms Deirdre Mac Bride would join Dawn Purvis and Brendan Duddy as the independent Members of the working group.

**3.10 Questions For the Chief Constable (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Committee noted the answers given by the Chief Constable to the questions raised by the Committee at the last meeting.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

**4.1 DPP Chairman and Vice Chairman's Forum**

The Chairman updated the Committee on the DPP and Chairman and Vice Chairman's Forum which was attended by the PSNI top management team, DPP managers Al Hutchinson, the Police Oversight Commissioner.

**4.2 Independent Community Observers (ICO) Annual General Meeting**

The Chairman briefed the Committee on the ICO Annual General Meeting which he and Alex Attwood had attended.

**4.3 Amnesty International**

The Chairman advised the Committee that he had attended a seminar on TASER which was hosted by Amnesty International.

#### **4.4 Coalition Of Sexual Orientation (CoSO) Meeting**

The Chairman advised the Committee about the meeting with CoSO on 26 September 2006. Following this, Members discussed a paper regarding issues raised by CoSO.

It was:

##### **AGREED:**

- That a letter of reply should be drafted which would set out the Board's position.
- To invite ACC Criminal Justice to update the Board on policing a diverse society, particularly with regard to the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community.

#### **5. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP TRAINING & EVENTS PLAN – JANUARY 2007 – MARCH 2008**

The Committee were asked to consider and approve the DPP Training and Events Programme.

Following a short discussion, it was:

##### **AGREED:**

That a record of political Members attendance at training courses and DPP meetings should be made available to political parties at headquarter level.

#### **6. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP (DPP) MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE**

The Committee considered a paper which advised Members of a DPP member's non-attendance at 4 meetings within a 6 month period.

It was:

**RESOLVED:**

To retain the DPP member and review the situation in 6 months time.

**7. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs) – DEVELOPMENT OF CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a paper which outlined a consultation strategy with key stakeholders on the future arrangements for DPPs. Following discussion, it was:

**AGREED:**

- To consultation on engagement with key stakeholders on the future arrangements for DPPs as set out in Appendix 1 of the paper.
- To seek all Board members support in the consultation process through their links with DPPs.

**8. POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

The Chairman welcomed the Deputy Chief Constable, ACC Criminal Justice and two Policing with the Community Branch representatives to the meeting and invited them to give an update on Policing with the Community.

The presentation began with the background to Policing with the Community and then the five principles of Policing with the Community PwC were explained.

The structure and remit of PwC Branch was discussed, the presenter then spoke on the following areas:

- Rationale.
- Elements of the Model.
- Developing a Monitoring Framework.

Members were shown an example of HMIC criteria and PwC targets.

The presentation concluded with details of PwC immediate plans. Following a short discussion:

It was:

**AGREED:**

- That the Deputy Chief Executive would liaise with the Head of PwC Branch on the development of a monitoring framework.
- To consider a mechanism for DPPs to be:
  - (1) Updated on the progress of PwC.
  - (2) To consider their role in the implementation of the strategy.

A copy of the slides used during the presentation is attached at Appendix 'A'.

**9. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BOARD'S INITIAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a paper which updated on the work being undertaken to develop and implement the Board's initial Community Engagement Strategy. Following a discussion, it was:

**AGREED:**

- That officials would liaise with Ms Dawn Purvis to discuss engagement with ethnic minority groups.
- That the key indicators for community engagement be brought back to the next meeting.

**10. INFORMATION PAPERS**

The Committee considered a paper which informed Members on current information papers and publications. NOTED.

**11. SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS**

The Committee considered a paper which gave details of presentations to be given to the Committee up until December 2007.

It was:

**AGREED:**

To accept the schedule of presentations.

**12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

It was:

**AGREED:**

That one question would be put to the Chief Constable at the November Board meeting regarding Policing with the Community.

**13. PRESS ISSUES**

There were no matters arising.

**14. DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS – JANUARY – DECEMBER 2007**

The Committee considered the content of a paper which provided a programme of dates of meetings of the Committee during 2007.

Following discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Committee should meet on the following dates:

Thursday, 11 January 2007  
Thursday, 8 February 2007  
Thursday, 15 March 2007  
Thursday, 19 April 2007  
Thursday, 17 May 2007  
Thursday, 14 June 2007  
Thursday, 9 August 2007  
Thursday, 13 September 2007  
Thursday, 11 October 2007  
Thursday, 15 November 2007  
Thursday, 13 December 2007

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**15.1 Less Lethal Weapons**

It was:

**AGREED:**

That a paper would be presented to the Board regarding a Lead Member on “Less Lethal Weapons”.

**15.2 DPP Members Allowances**

It was:

**AGREED:**

That the issue of DPP members allowances be brought to the December Committee when the performance of DPPs will be discussed.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 9 November 2006 in Waterside Tower, Belfast.

(Meeting closed at 1:50 pm).

**Secretariat**

**October 2006**

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**Chairman**