

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 50TH CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2005 AT 16:30 IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Professor Sir Desmond Rea (Chairman)
Mr Denis Bradley
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Brian Dougherty
Mrs Pauline McCabe
Mrs Rosaleen Moore
Mr Ian Paisley Jnr
Mr Alan McFarland
Mr Tom Kelly

**OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:** Mr Trevor Reaney (Chief Executive)
Mrs Sinead Simpson (Director of Policy)
Two Board Officials

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Sammy Wilson and Mr Eddie McGrady.

Mr Wilson had nominated Mr Ian Paisley Jnr as his substitute for the meeting and Mr McGrady had nominated Mr Alex Attwood as his substitute. NOTED.

2. WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES – DENIS DONALDSON, CIARAN JUDE KEARNEY AND WILLIAM JOHN MACKESSY

The Chairman welcomed Members to the special meeting of the Corporate Policy Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to review recent events and to update Members on meetings which the Chairman and the Vice Chairman had with the Secretary of State, Chief Constable, and Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland regarding the above case.

Following these updates, Members discussed a number of issues and concerns and raised various questions with both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman concerning:

- The case itself.
- The impact of the case on public confidence in the PSNI; and
- The role of the Policing Board as it relates to the case.

It was:

AGREED

That the issues discussed should be captured in a news release to be issued to the Press following this special meeting.

Members considered a draft press release.

(Meeting closed at 5.45 pm).

Secretariat

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CHAIRMAN