

WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of a MEETING held at KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, BROWFORT, BATH ROAD, DEVIZES on WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2000.

PRESENT: Mr. H. A. Woolnough, C.B.E. (Chairman), Mr. R. J. Baddeley, Mr. G. J. Baskerville, Mr. D. Benfield, Mr. B. Ford, Mrs. M. E. M. Groom, Mr. C. J. Hoare, Mrs. B. M. Jay, Mr. P. F. Jones, Mr. P. S. H. Lefever, Mr. Paul W. L. Sample, Miss A. J. Scofield, Mrs. M. Sitaram, Mr. W. Spiers and Miss C. A. Wallin.

- 77) **Apologies** Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr. B. E. Atfield and Mr. K. Small. Arising from this, it was

Resolved: *To grant consent to Mr. Atfield and Mr. Small in respect of their absence from meetings for more than three consecutive months.*

- 78) **Public Questions**

Abandoned Vehicles: Mr. B. Cockbill of Coleview, Swindon asked a number of detailed questions about the action taken by the police regarding the removal of abandoned vehicles.

Some of the questions had previously been answered by the Force. In respect of the further matters raised, it was agreed to respond to Mr. Cockbill after the meeting upon written receipt of the questions.

- 79) **Chairman's Announcements**

- a) Mr. P. F. Jones: The Chairman informed members that this was Mr. Jones's last meeting of the Police Authority. He would be 70 in late December and this meant he could no longer serve as a member of the Police Authority.

Mr. Jones was a member of the former Police Committee, joining in 1993, and he had remained a member ever since. The Chairman paid tribute to his contribution to the work of a number of committees and working parties and his role on the Selection Panel for the last round of appointments of Independent Members. All members wished him well in the future.

- b) Visit By Mr. Peter Winship, H.M.I.C. – 16th November, 2000: The Chairman informed members of a recent visit by Mr. Winship to the Constabulary. Mr. Winship was now H.M. Inspector of Constabulary for the South Region and his visit was primarily a 'getting to know you' occasion.

Mr. Winship would be returning on 25th January, 2001. All members would be invited to a meeting with Mr. Winship.

- c) Appointment Of Director Of National Police Training: The Chairman reported that Mr. Christopher Mould of Salisbury, Wiltshire, had recently been appointed as Director of National Police Training.

- d) Superintendent Craig Mackey, Operations Support: The Chairman was pleased to report that Superintendent Mackey had passed the recent round of Extended Interviews held in Eastbourne and would now go forward to the Strategic Command Course at Bramshill. This 'opened the door' for appointment to the rank of Assistant Chief Constable.

Arising from this, members asked that an item concerning career development in the Force be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Human Resources Committee.

- e) National Executive Institute (FBI): The Chairman informed members that Miss Neville, Chief Constable of Wiltshire had been nominated to attend a course at the above Institute.
- f) Petition – Level Of Policing In Cricklade: The Chairman reported receipt of a petition, signed by the residents of Cricklade, expressing concern at the lack of police cover in the town. The petition called for the level of policing to be improved and for the introduction of CCTV to cover the High Street.

Mrs. Groom said that, since the receipt of the petition, some action had been taken involving youths in the area.

It was agreed that the petition be discussed with the Divisional Commander and, if necessary, a local meeting called.

80) **Minutes Of The Previous Meeting**

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September, 2000.

81) **Conferences/Seminars Attended By Members Since The Previous Meeting** Reports on the following were presented:

- a) APA/Home Office Annual Conference – 11th/12th October, 2000 – Birmingham (Attended by Mr. Woolnough and Miss Wallin).
- b) Best Value – The Story So Far – APA Seminar – 31st October, 2000 – Peterborough (Attended by Mr. Spiers).
- c) National Rural Policing Conference – 6th/7th November, 2000 – Lincolnshire (Attended by Mrs. Groom and Miss Scofield).
- d) Joint Emergency Services Conference – 28th November, 2000 – London (Attended by Mr. Lefever and Mr. Woolnough)
- e) APA Human Rights Seminar – 29th November, 2000 – Cardiff (Attended by Mrs. Sitaram and Miss Wallin).

82) **Minutes Of The Complaints Committee**

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Complaints Committee held on 28th September, 2000.

83) **Minutes Of The General Purposes Committee**

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 8th November, 2000.

84) **Minutes Of The Best Value Panel**

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Best Value Panel held on 18th October, 2000.

- 85) **Report Of The Best Value Panel – Review On The Information And Quality And Collision Records** On considering the above Report, it was

Resolved: *To approve the recommendations set out in the Report.*

- 86) **Report From The Chairman Of The Partnerships And Planning Working Party**
Mr. Hoare circulated a detailed report on the activities and business of the Partnerships and Planning Working Party, it's two Sub-Groups and the Joint Planning Drafting Panel. He also reported on the preparation of a Joint Consultation Strategy.

Resolved:

- i) *To note the progress report on the work of the Partnerships and Planning Working Party.*
- ii) *To note that a meeting of the Working Party will take place immediately afterwards to consider various matters regarding rural policing and also the use of the rural sparsity funding.*

- 87) **Report From The Chairman Of The Audit And Monitoring Working Party**
Mr. Lefever circulated a detailed report on the meeting of the Audit and Monitoring Working Party held on 23rd November, 2000.

Resolved:

- i) *To note the report.*
- ii) *To await receipt of the District Auditor's Management Letter for circulation at the next meeting.*

- 88) **Report From The Chairman Of The Finance And Resources Working Party**
Mr. Benfield presented a progress report on the business of the Finance and Resources Working Party. He made particular reference to the large increases being sought by NCS and NCIS in their budgets for 2001/02 and the resultant impact on the levies for police authorities. He also referred briefly to the provisional police settlement for 2001/02 and a letter sent by the Treasurer to members giving preliminary views on the settlement for Wiltshire.

- 89) **Chief Constable's Review** The Chief Constable presented her review of operational matters and Force initiatives since the previous meeting under the following Strategic Aims:

- Reducing And Detecting Crime
- To Develop Safer Communities Through Partnership
- To Seek, In Partnership With Other Agencies, To Reduce Road Traffic Casualties
- To Respond Promptly To Calls For Assistance

The Chief Constable also presented the Police Performance Review 1999/2000, the first Joint Annual Report by the Wiltshire Police Authority and the Chief Constable.

Resolved:

- i) *To thank all those involved, particularly Alex Eaves, for producing an excellent Annual Report.*

- ii) *To ask Superintendent Andy Hollingshead, Divisional Commander at Salisbury, to address the concerns expressed by Mrs. Jay about the alleged unauthorised sale and constant use of fireworks in the Salisbury area.*

90) **Police/Community Consultative Groups**

Resolved:

- i) *To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the North Wiltshire Area PCCG held on 24th October, 2000.*
- ii) *To note the dates of the next round of PCCG meetings:*
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| <i>Kennet</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>17th January, 2001</i> |
| <i>Swindon</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>22nd January, 2001</i> |
| <i>West Wiltshire</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>24th January, 2001</i> |
| <i>Salisbury</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>25th January, 2001</i> |
| <i>North Wiltshire</i> | <i>-</i> | <i>20th February, 2001</i> |

91) **Rural Sparsity Funding** On considering a report by the Chief Constable, it was

Resolved:

- i) *To note the report and to request that that part of the extra funding not already allocated be the subject of discussion at the Partnerships and Planning/Finance and Resources Working Parties.*
- ii) *To agree that publicity be given to the use of this additional funding.*

92) **Interim Treasury Performance Report 2000/01** On considering a report by the Treasurer on the activities of the Treasury Management function for the six month period 1st April to 30th September, 2000, it was

Resolved: *To note the report.*

93) **Joint Emergency Services Collaborative Project** The Chairman updated members on this Project and reported the following:

- The first Joint Emergency Services Conference took place on 28th November, 2000 in London – a presentation was given on the Wiltshire Project.
- The Home Secretary spoke at the Conference and a progress report on collaborative and partnership working was requested from the police, fire and ambulance associations.

With regard to the Wiltshire Project:

- The demolition of Llewellyn House had begun.
- The scheme was on course to start building the new control centre in early 2001.
- The legal agreement between the three emergency services was being prepared.

(Note: The agreement would require the formal approval of the Authority and all members would be invited to any meeting called to make this decision).

The Chairman also reported that other collaborative arrangements were proceeding, e.g. use by the ambulance service of accommodation at Warminster police station and possible joint use by the police of the fire service's premises in Mere and Bradford-on-Avon.

94) **Future Meeting/Event Dates**

Resolved: To note the following:

<u>Meeting</u>		<u>2001</u>
<i>Finance And Resources Working Party</i>	-	<i>Monday 8th January</i>
<i>Partnerships & Planning Working Party</i>	-	<i>Thursday 11th January</i>
<i>Human Resources Committee</i>	-	<i>Monday 22nd January</i>
<i>Followed by Training Day for Members</i>		
<i>Partnerships Sub-Group</i>	-	<i>Wednesday 24th January</i>
<i>Inspection Report By HMIC To The Police Authority</i>	-	<i>Thursday 25th January</i>
<i>Annual Consultation Meeting With Non-Domestic Ratepayers on Budget And Precept For 2001 – 2002</i>	-	<i>Monday 12th February</i>
<i>Police Authority</i>	-	<i>Thursday 15th February</i>
<i>Audit & Monitoring Working Party</i>	-	<i>Wednesday 28th February</i>
<i>Complaints Committee</i>	-	<i>Tuesday 6th March</i>
<i>Police Authority</i>	-	<i>Thursday 7th June</i>
<i>Human Resources Committee</i>	-	<i>Monday 11th June</i>
<i>Police Authority</i>	-	<i>Thursday 26th July</i>
<i>Human Resources Committee</i>	-	<i>Monday 30th July</i>
<i>Police Authority</i>	-	<i>Wednesday 26th September</i>
<i>Police Authority</i>	-	<i>Thursday 6th December</i>

95) **Publications Received By The Clerk**

Resolved: To note receipt of the following:

- *Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 1999 – 2000*
- *NCS and NCIS – Annual Reports 1999 – 2000*
- *Race Equality: The Home Secretary's Employment Targets – First Annual Report*
- *Her Majesty's Chief Inspector Of Constabulary – Annual Report 1999 – 2000*

96) **Institution Of Award Presented By The Police Authority** The Chairman was pleased to announce the institution of an annual award by the Police Authority to a member of the Constabulary for 'service to the community'. A cup would be presented together with a certificate. The first award would be made in 2001.

97) **Exclusion Of The Public**

Resolved: *In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in item 98 below because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.*

98) **Disposal Of Property** On considering a confidential report by the Chief Constable, it was

Resolved:

- i) *To declare surplus to requirements 26-28 Swindon Road, Stratton St. Margaret.*
- ii) *To authorise the Chief Constable to conclude the negotiations to dispose of the property subject to her being satisfied that best value is being obtained.*

(Duration Of Meeting: 10.30 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.)