

CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cumbria Police Authority held on Wednesday 18
January 2006 at Police Headquarters,
Carleton Hall, Penrith commencing at 1.10pm.**

PRESENT

Mr R Watson (Chairman)

Mr M Ash	Mr C S Moth
Mr R S Cole	Mr J Nicholson
Ms S E Donnelly	Mrs L L Shaw
Mrs P M Halfpenny	Mrs L Slavin
Mrs M Johnson	Mr W Smith
Ms J Lashmar	Mr J Woolley

Also present:

Clerk /Chief Executive (Mr C.R. Alcock)
Treasurer (Mr D. Thomas)
Chief Constable (Mr M Baxter)
Deputy Chief Constable (Mrs C. Twigg)
Constabulary Director of Finance and Resources (Mr M Thompson)
Chief Superintendent R Smith
Deputy Clerk (Mr S. Edwards)

**PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND
PUBLIC**

145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A L Barry, Mrs C A Egan and Mr J Mallinson.

**146. URGENT BUSINESS AND EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND
PUBLIC**

There were no items of urgent business nor were there any items on the Agenda for which the Press and Public were to be excluded.

147. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of personal interest in relation to any item on the Agenda.

148. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Authority held on 15 December 2005 were tabled.

With reference to Minute No 127, "Reconstruction of the Policing Infrastructure in Carlisle and North Cumbria" the Chief Constable expressed concern that it could be inferred from the Minute that the Police Authority and Constabulary were not acting democratically in appealing against the decision by the City Council's Planning Committee to refuse the application for the development of a custody facility on police owned land at Houghton. This was not the case as the Authority and Constabulary were exercising their right under the legislation to submit such an appeal, which was simply an extension of the same democratic planning process. Notwithstanding these comments both the Authority and the Constabulary maintained an open mind with regard to the long-term solution to the reconstruction of the policing infrastructure in North Cumbria.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 15 December 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

149. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Standards Committee presented the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 December 2005.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes be received.

150. CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP

In the absence of the Working Group Chair, Mr C S Moth presented the Minutes of the meeting of the Consultation Working Group held on 7 December 2005.

RESOLVED, that the Minutes be received.

151. MEMBERS REPORT BACK

There were no reports by Members on conferences, meetings or seminars attended since the last meeting of the Authority.

152. BUDGET 2006/07

The Treasurer tabled a revised report, prepared jointly with the Chief Constable, to replace the report circulated with the Agenda for the meeting, the later revisions being highlighted in the report and representing the most up to date information available.. The new report updated Members on the

following issues, which would feed through to the final Budget report to be presented to the Authority's Budget meeting on 15 February –

- The timing of the announcement of the Final Settlement
- Representations made to ODPM (and copied to Home Office) on the Provisional Settlement
- Announcement on Capital Grant and Supported Borrowing in 2006/07
- Tax base and collection surplus for 2006/07 to be declared by the District Councils
- Impact of the January 2005 storms on the tax base for 2006/07
- Finalisation of the Chief Constable's Budget Proposals

In presenting the report the Treasurer expanded on the above points and advised Members on the impact of Council Tax increases in the range of 3% to 4.9%.

The Chief Constable then introduced a separate report in his name, the purpose of which was to provide Members with an update in relation to the Constabulary's Budget position for 2006/07. It was a supplementary paper to that submitted in December and explained some changes to the continuation position as reported at earlier meetings and put forward a small number of further development proposals for consideration.

In presenting the report he commended the work of the Director of Finance and Resources and his staff in producing the report within a very restricted time scale.

The Director of Finance and Resources then took Members through the report, specifically highlighting changes to the continuation position and the two new developments proposed by the Chief Constable.

RESOLVED, that the reports be received and their contents noted.

153. CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY AWARD FOR BRAVERY

The Chief Constable reminded Members that, in February 2003, the Authority had agreed to make an annual award for Bravery in conjunction with the National Police Bravery Awards organised by the Police Federation. The process in Cumbria was that he, with assistance from the local Joint Branch Board of the Police Federation, submitted a nomination to the Authority which was then progressed to the National Award.

This year he was proud to nominate Constables Barrie John Cox and Iain Martin "Jack" Carruthers who on Friday 19 December 2003 had acted in an extremely brave and effective manner in apprehending a suspect who had stabbed three individuals in Aspatria. Their bravery, coupled with a clear regard for public safety was both commendable and exceptional.

Members wholeheartedly supported the nomination and commended the officers for their extremely brave actions.

RESOLVED,

that

- (1) The Cumbria Police Authority Award for Bravery, an Elterwater Slate Shield, be presented to Constables Barrie John Cox and Iain Martin "Jack" Carruthers, with the award to be made by the Chair of the Police Authority at the Constabulary Award Ceremony to be held on 21 March 2006; and
- (2) The nominees each to receive a life long certificate from the Police Authority to accompany the Shield.

The meeting ended at 1.45 p.m.