

## OPEN MINUTES

**Police Committee Meeting**  
Held at the Liberation Room, Stanley  
At 1030 Hrs on 17 July 2019

*These minutes are draft minutes until confirmed by resolution at the next meeting of this Committee*

**Present:** Alex Mitham, His Excellency Deputy Governor (HE)  
Superintendent Jeff McMahon, Chief Police Officer (CPO)  
MLA Leona Roberts (LR)  
Matthew Jackson, Head of Legal Services (AG)  
Diane Simsovic, Acting Chief Executive (CE)  
Anton Livermore, Lay Member (AL)  
Derek Clarke, Lay Member (DC)

**In attendance:** Gavin Short, FIRS

**Minutes:** Cress Thomas, PA to Chief Police Officer

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|            | <b>Part I</b>  |            |
| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>   |            |
| 1.1        | Apologies for absence were received from Barry Rowland (Chief Executive), Simon Young (Attorney General) and His Excellency The Governor Nigel Phillips.   |            |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Declaration of Interest</b>   |            |
| 2.1        | There were no declarations of interest.  |            |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Confirmation of the Open Minutes of Meeting held on 18 April 2019</b>   |            |
| 3.1        | The word <i>meething</i> at the heading of the document must be corrected to <i>meeting</i> . Once this change is applied the minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.   |            |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of Meeting held on 18 April 2019</b>  |            |
| 4.1        | There were no matters arising from the open minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2019.  |            |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Report of the Chief of Police (4th Quarter 2018/19)</b>   |            |
| 5.1        | The CPO introduced his report which covered the period 01 April to 30 June 2019 (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018/19 Financial Year) which had previously been circulated to the Committee.  |            |
| 5.2        | The CPO stated that a bid to support the purchase of a new Command and Control System, the OTRICS-CIM (Overseas Territories Regional Criminal Intelligence System – Crime & Intelligence Manager) has been approved. Work is underway to introduce the system into the force in November 2019 and achieve complete implementation by March 2020.   |            |
| 5.3        | The CPO stated that the Domestic Abuse Campaign had been refreshed on 14 June 2019 (Liberation Day) and had good feedback from members of the public. External assessment and accreditation of the campaign will be discussed in detail with the Domestic Abuse Steering Committee which has been arranged for 30 August 2019. The CPO will provide further updates regarding this matter to the | <b>CPO</b> |

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|      | next Police Committee Meeting.  |               |
| 5.4  | <p>The CPO stated that CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency) training had been organised and funded via the FCO. RFIP officers along with various representatives from other FIG departments were trained. PST (Personal Safety Training) also took place and RFIP now has 2 in-house trainers that can maintain the force's PST qualifications in future. Both training elements were successful.</p> <p>The CPO also stated that firearms training will be organised by PS Smith in September – this would increase the force's response capability in any firearms incident. Once the training has been completed, a joint exercise with the military can be organised. Plans around this are still being drawn up. The CPO will provide further updates regarding this to the next Police Committee Meeting.</p>   | <b>CPO</b>    |
| 5.5  | <p>The CPO stated that following discussions with MLA Roberts regarding the situation of PSV licences and hire &amp; reward driving, a public meeting (public consultation) has now been arranged for Monday 22 July 2019. An EXCO paper would be finalised following the public meeting and will be submitted for approval with the aim of being in place for the new tourist season. The CPO stated that the public meeting will focus on the medical and criminal criteria.</p> <p>The Committee are very interested to see how this will progress over the next few months once the EXCO paper has been submitted for approval. LR stated that this has previously been discussed with the other MLA's and they are supportive of proposals (once the EXCO paper has been officially approved).</p>   | <b>CPO/LR</b> |
| 5.6  | The CPO stated that RFIP continues to police the weekly LATAM flights. Feedback is positive, especially from FSS. Planning is underway to provide a police presence at the up-coming second flight, commencing in November 2019.  |               |
| 5.7  | The CPO stated that great progress is being made in using social media platforms (currently a stand-alone police website and Facebook page). Over the last few months a great amount of feedback has been noted. New posts regularly reach up to 3,000 people. The <i>Reserve Police Constable</i> advert that was released recently was viewed by 27 different users over a weekend period. The posts on the Facebook page, especially with photographic content, are consistently reaching up to 1,000 users; with the photo for World Astronomy Day reaching over 9,000 people. The Domestic Abuse awareness campaign also reached around 3,000 and the crime information appeals that used to be largely ignored are now consistently reaching at least 1,000 users. The CPO also stated that in view of the very positive outcome of the 2 main social media platform, other options have been explored such as creating additional social media accounts in particular Instagram and Twitter; although this is still pending clarification from Rhian Burgees (Head of Communications). The CPO will chase this accordingly and provide an update to the next Police Committee Meeting. | <b>CPO</b>    |
| 5.8  | The CPO stated that a CSE Sub-Committee has now been established and will be reporting to the Child Safeguarding Board. This focuses on intelligence and information on various under-aged and/or vulnerable children who could potentially be victims of sexual crime. In addition to this, possible perpetrators are also identified. Other agencies represented on the sub-committee are Health, Education and SWD.  |               |
| 5.9  | The CPO stated that in terms of Community Policing – PC Thacker continues to produce great work as the FICS liaison officer and regularly interacts with pupils. PC Dalton and PC Browning also arranged for a group of scouts and cubs to visit the station in early July 2019. Additionally, DC Loftus left the Islands to join the World Police Games in China representing the Royal Falkland Islands Police.   |               |
| 5.10 | The CPO stated that the force inspection has been done and a police development plan has been drawn up. Both documents will be submitted to EXCO for approval.  | <b>CPO</b>    |

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| 5.11       | The CPO stated that in terms of budget – a few shortfalls in particular budget lines were highlighted, however, all of these were covered from the 2018/19 budget and no major issues were noted. Carry-over requests were submitted accordingly.  |               |
| 5.12       | The CPO stated that some staffing changes occurred during the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018/19. DS Barney Allcock left the force and was replaced by PC Andy Burdon. He commenced as DS on 10 June 2019. PC Graham Fairweather completed his contract. 4 new uniform staff are due to arrive in the next two months; while recruitment for a DC and an Inspector post are still ongoing. PC Jenkins also completed and passed his probationary period. The MASH Officer is due to arrive in October 2019.  |               |
| 5.13       | The CPO stated that officer training is still ongoing for student officers – PC Chapman, PC Thorsen and PC Davies. All 3 student officers are noted to be doing well and have shown high level of interest in learning. The CPO also stated that sickness levels during the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018/19 are relatively low and do not raise any concern. Finally, 2 letters of appreciation were received during this quarter, with no complaints.  |               |
| 5.14       | The Committee expressed their gratitude to the CPO for all the work and providing very detailed information to the committee every quarter. A lot of changes have been noted and committee is looking forward to seeing and hearing more of the positive outcome on the coming changes.  |               |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>2018/19 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Crimes</b>   |               |
| 6.1        | <p>The CPO stated that during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018/19 the detection rate is 43% which does not meet the SLO of 65.5%. However, the CPO explained that this is due to a number of crimes recorded that are hard to detect. For example, criminal damage and/or theft. Often there are no witnesses or evidence. Ethical crime recording has also been introduced and is being adhered to. RFIP are converting incidents to crimes in accordance with the UK Home Office Guidelines on crime recording. All other SLO's were achieved.</p> <p>Furthermore, the CPO stated that FPN's have been suspended in May 2019. An issue emerged with the manner in which appeals were being processed. The system as it stands means the AG is excluded from the decision to prosecute and this is not lawful. The process is being reviewed by crown counsel, Mr Stuart Walker (AG).</p>   |               |
| 6.2        | The Committee noted that a high number of false 999 calls are recorded. The CPO explained that this is most probably due to the technology. Often callers aren't aware that their mobile phone (or any other technology such as smart watch) dialled 999. Regular advice is announced on the radio regarding this matter.  |               |
| 6.3        | The CPO stated that complaints relating to speeding vehicles in town or along MPA road are received quite regularly from members of the public. RFIP conduct speeding checks on roads highlighted by members of the public. There is no clear road safety strategy and the road network in Stanley can be overcrowded. The potential for more vehicles is evident; given the anticipated increase in population. A general discussion ensued about the role of PWD in road design. AL also expressed his frustration at the lack of progress over the state of road traffic law, some of which had not changed since 1948. Reference was made to previous attempts to bring parity to the application of road traffic law to all publically maintained roads. Previous documentation is to be resurrected and LR will take this forward to seek views from fellow MLA's. The legislative timetable is full and to make any progress with road traffic law changes, something would have to be sacrificed that currently sits in the programme. | <b>CPO/LR</b> |
| <b>7.0</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  |               |
| 7.1        | To be established – October / November.  |               |

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| <b>8.0</b>  | <b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b>   |  |
| 8.1         | The Committee resolved to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the next items of business to be considered were exempt within the terms of paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012 relating to information about individuals. |  |
|             | <b>Part II</b>   |  |
| <b>9.0</b>  | <b>Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of Meeting held on 18 April 2019</b><br><i>(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to information about individuals)</i>                                |  |
| <b>10.0</b> | <b>2018/19 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report</b><br><i>(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to information about individuals)</i>  |  |

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