

MINUTE of MEETING of the **TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Monday 11 June 2012 at 10.00 am.

Present: Councillors JOHN ALEXANDER, MOHAMMED ASIF, JAMES BLACK, DAVID BOWES, BILL BOWLES, JACK COBURN, ELSPETH MacLACHLAN, ARCHIE MacLELLAN, BOB MYLES, HELEN OSWALD, DOUGLAS POVER, CHRISTINA ROBERTS, ALEXANDER STEWART, PAUL VALENTINE, SHEENA WELSH, WILLIE WILSON and BAILIE HELEN WRIGHT.

1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

There were no apologies intimated

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Oswald declared an interest as a member of her family was a serving member of the Police Force. She indicated that she would participate in discussion and voting on all items.

3. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD**

The Board agreed to note the following appointments that had been made by the constituent authorities.

Angus Council

Councillor Bill Bowles
Councillor Bob Myles
Councillor Helen Oswald
Councillor Paul Valentine
Councillor Sheena Welsh

Dundee City Council

Councillor John Alexander
Councillor Mohammed Asif
Councillor James Black
Councillor David Bowes
Councillor Christina Roberts
Bailie Helen Wright
(1 place remaining unfilled)

Perth and Kinross Council

Councillor Jack Coburn
Councillor Elspeth MacLachlan
Councillor Archie MacLellan
Councillor Douglas Pover
Councillor Alexander J Stewart
Councillor Willie Wilson

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER AND VICE CONVENERS**

The Clerk called for nominations for Convener of the Board in terms of paragraph 7(i) of the Amalgamation Scheme.

Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Valentine, moved the appointment of Councillor James Black as Convener.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Black was unanimously appointed as Convener of the Board.

Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Myles, moved the appointment of Councillor Archie MacLellan as one of the two Vice Conveners of the Board.

Councillor Welsh, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, moved the appointment of Councillor Valentine as the second Vice Convener of the Board.

There being no further nominations, Councillors MacLellan and Valentine were unanimously elected as Vice Conveners of the Board.

5. REMUNERATION OF CONVENER AND VICE CONVENER OF TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

There was submitted Report No PB39/12 by the Treasurer advising members of the arrangements to be made for the remuneration of the Convener and Vice Conveners of Tayside Joint Police Board for the financial year 2012/2013.

The Treasurer informed members that the Regulations which governed the allowance and expenses arrangement had been amended and accordingly both Vice Conveners of the Board could be remunerated.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the background details provided in relation to the remuneration of Councillors;
- (ii) to note the remuneration rules which applied to the Board Convener and the amended regulations which applied to Vice Conveners, as reported orally;
- (iii) that both Vice Conveners be remunerated; and
- (iv) that allowances and expenses claimable by Board members under the Regulations in respect of duties undertaken in that capacity would continue to be met by the Council to which that Board member belonged.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

The Board agreed to appoint the undernoted as officers of the Board:

Clerk	– Mrs Sheona C Hunter
Assistant Clerk	– Mr Donald Macaskill
Treasurer	– Mr Ian Lorimer

6. APPOINTMENTS

(a) National Negotiating Body for Police Staff (Scotland)

The Board agreed to appoint the Convener to the National Negotiating Body for Police Staff (Scotland) and that either Vice Convener could act as a substitute.

(b) Official Side of the Police Negotiating Board

The Board agreed to appoint the Convener to the official side of the Police Negotiating Board and that either Vice Convener could act as a substitute.

7. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

The Board agreed to approve the Timetable of Meetings for 2012, as undernoted:-

Monday 27 August 2012
Monday 19 November 2012

The Board further agreed that, in light of a national training event being organised for Monday 25 June, the Clerk make arrangements to rearrange the planned Board induction day to a date after the recess but before the Board meeting in August.

8. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Board agreed to make the undernoted appointments:-

Finance

Convener and Vice Conveners, Councillors Bowes, Roberts, Stewart and Welsh.

Corporate Governance

Convener and Vice Conveners, Councillors Alexander, Asif, Bowles, Stewart, Pover and Welsh

Personnel and Development

Convener and Vice Conveners, Councillors Roberts, Stewart and Welsh

Complaints

Convener and Vice Conveners, Councillors Bowles, Coburn and Roberts

Appeals

Convener and Vice Conveners

Conveners Sub-Committee

Convener and Vice Conveners

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Tayside Joint Police Board

The minute of meeting of the Tayside Joint Police Board of 12 March 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Finance Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee of 27 March 2012 was submitted and noted **(APPENDIX I)**

(c) Corporate Governance Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Governance Sub-Committee of 5 March 2012 was submitted and noted. **(APPENDIX II)**

10. TAYSIDE POLICE ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

There was submitted the Annual Report for 2011/12 for Tayside Police detailing the performance of the Force over the past year.

The Chief Constable indicated that the Force was committed to making a difference in all areas of Tayside and detailed the positive activities being undertaken by the Force against the challenging targets which had been set.

Following a numbers of questions, the Board noted the Report and commended the Force on its performance over the past year.

11. REVENUE AND CAPITAL FINAL OUTTURN FOR 2011/2012

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Finance Sub Committee of 27 March 2012, there was submitted Joint Report No PB 40/12 by the Chief Constable and the Treasurer, providing members with a summary of the final revenue and capital outturn positions for the financial year ended 31 March 2012.

The Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that the unaudited Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 would be submitted to the Controller of Audit by the due date of 30 June 2012;
- (ii) to note the transfer of £211,000 to the general reserve in the year ended 31 March 2012 as detailed in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.7 of the Report;
- (iii) to note the proposal to return £13,000 of savings in loan charges to the constituent councils as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the Report;
- (iv) to delegate authority to the Convener and Vice Conveners, in consultation with the Chief Constable, Treasurer and Clerk to the Board, to approve further VR/ER applications as detailed in paragraph 5.4 of the Report; and
- (v) to note the improved unused capital receipts figure of £174,000 carried forward into 2012/2013 and that further work would be carried out to determine the level of commitments contained within this figure.

The Convener, ruled in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 10(1) that the following undernoted item be considered as an urgent item of business.

The Board agreed that the matter be considered as an exempt item in terms of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 paragraph 1 and in addition, all Officers, with the exception of the Clerk also be excluded from the meeting.

12. THE POLICE (CONDUCT) (SENIOR OFFICER) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999

There was submitted Report No PB41/12 by the Clerk advising members of allegations by a tabloid newspaper against two Senior Officers. After discussion, the Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the background details;
- (ii) that the allegations against the Chief Constable would, if proven, amount to misconduct of a minor or trivial nature only and that the Convener would write in appropriate terms informing the Chief Constable of the Board's views; and
- (iii) that the allegation against the Depute Chief Constable was not founded in any fact and no further action be taken.