**POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at the Government House, Stanley

At 14:00 hrs on Friday, 30th 2021

***These minutes are draft minutes until confirmed by resolution at the***

***next meeting of this Committee***

**In Attendance**: Nigel Phillips, His Excellency the Governor, Chair (HE) Superintendent Jeff McMahon, Chief Police Officer (CPO)

Simon Young, Attorney General (AG)

MLA Leona Roberts (LR)

Andy Keeling, Chief Executive (AK)

Andrew Brownlee, Justice of Peace (AB)

**Media:** Nick Roberts - Penguin News

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

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|  | **Part I** |  |
|  | The meeting started at 14:05 hrs. |  |
| **1.0** | **Apologies** |  |
| 1.1 | Apologies for absence were received from Janette Vincent (Justice of Peace). |  |
| **2.0** | **Declaration of Interest** |  |
| 2.1 | AB stated that Lifestyles Ltd. provide items to the RFIP from time-to-time. |  |
| **3.0** | **Confirmation of the Open Minutes of Meeting held on 7th May 2021** |  |
| 3.1 | The minutes were accepted as correct and accurate record of the meeting. |  |
| **4.0** | **Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of Meeting held on 7th May 2021** |  |
| 4.1 | (4.1) The CPO stated that RFIP tested handheld radio from a UK supplier but this was not successful due to limitations of 4G connections. The CPO since met with Justin McPhee of SURE Ltd. to discuss the potential 4G push-to-talk radio system and a list of kit required was sent to him. He undertook to finalise a quote for RFIP to consider. The current contract is valid until August 2022 and the CPO will look at extending the contract, if needed, until a new radio system in place. The CPO confirmed that this is not linked with the radio systems of other emergency services department (i.e. Fire Service are using 2-metre radios). RFIP plan to buy some 2-metre radio sets and therefore will have access to the 2-metre communications network if needed. The CPO also confirmed that he is yet to discuss with DESIS the radio system requirements for the maritime service that will soon be handed over to the police, as this will require different features, such as a listening service. It was appreciated by the committee that different departments will have different standards of functionality required on their radio systems. There are a number of options available, however, a standard radio system that would work for all types of department is difficult to identify and once any modifications are applied it is highly likely that it will be difficult to maintain and would not be cost effective. | **CPO** |
| 4.2 | (5.9) LR asked if unclaimed properties that are disposed of once the retention period is completed can be donated to the Charity Shop, or other options other than destruction. The CPO said he will look at the legislation and will confirm this at the next meeting. | **CPO** |
| 4.3 | (5.10) The CPO confirmed that both police vehicles carry defibrillators at all times. |  |
| 4.4 | (5.15) The CPO stated that the cash handling project is progressing well. The contract is being finalised to ensure that all changes are covered to allow the Post Office staff to issue licensing documents as well as an agreement with Synergy to maintain IT support. The contract will soon be passed to FPS Limited for their comments and approval. There is no agreed date as yet of when the licensing will move to the post office but this is being progressed. |  |
| 4.5 | (5.24) The CPO stated that there were no arrests related to Domestic Abuse during this quarter. The CPO stated that he met with Head of Social Services in relation to Domestic Abuse and discussed the results of Call-Ida project following its launch back in November 2020 and is due for review after 12 months. It has been noted that the project was funded with FCDO money. There have been no calls to the hotline to date. HE asked if the films used at the launch of the project could be retained and perhaps re-circulated in the cinema and on FITV – the CPO said he will liaise with the Head of Social Services to action this matter and to refresh the project. The committee agreed with this. | **CPO** |
| 4.6 | (6.1) LR raised concerns on behalf of a business owner regarding CCTV and an entry in the previous meeting minutes that suggested there was going to be a direct instruction that businesses must have CCTV. It was confirmed by the committee and the CPO that this is not the case and that businesses would be encouraged to have a CCTV system for their own security but it would not become a requirement. |  |
| **5.0** | **Report of the Chief Police Officer (Open Session)** |  |
| 5.1 | The CPO introduced his report which covered the period from 1st April to 31st June 2021 (4th quarter of 2020/21 Financial Year) |  |
| 5.2 | The CPO stated that the OTRCIS trainer delivered training successfully and was well received by members of staff. RFIP went live with crime reporting from 1st June 2021. There is on-going work with the data transfer from the old system to OTRCIS and this is monitored closely and will be done manually to ensure all data is accurate. The intelligence system is working well – this has been set to 3 levels so not all staff will have access to intelligence and certain information can be protected and is accessible to specific users only. Additionally, the CID can create covert cases and maintain the investigation and any correspondence within the CID files only. |  |
| 5.3 | The CPO stated that he has had on-going discussions with the Overseas Police Adviser, Andrew Munday regarding the secondment programme for PC Thorsen to eventually become a qualified detective. This has been budgeted for during the 2021/22 financial year and arrangements will be made in due course. The plan is for PC Thorsen to take the National Police Detective Exam in the UK; this will be the gateway to obtaining support from Devon & Cornwall. |  |
| 5.4 | The CPO stated that RFIP obtained a new police vehicle. |  |
| 5.5 | The CPO stated that the Force Inspection is being planned by the Overseas Police Adviser, Andrew Munday and dates of their visit will be confirmed soon. This will not be until October or November 2021. |  |
| 5.6 | The CPO stated that RFIP received complaints regarding noisy vehicles being driven around Stanley and two drivers were issued vehicle defect rectification forms to have their exhausts fixed which were rectified by the vehicle owners. RFIP also attended St Mary’s Play Park on a number of occasions following complaints of bullying and criminal damage to the play area. The CPO also confirmed that follow-ups with school and parents are conducted if need, as well as submitting referrals to Social Services. |  |
| 5.7 | The CPO stated that RFIP will continue to work with staff and management, not only at the Globe public house but also other public houses to ensure that a safe environment is maintained without any threat or risk of assault. It was noted that the Globe has 2 CCTV cameras situated outside of the pub and it was suggested by AB that a sign outside the Globe to inform the public that there is CCTV in operation would be appreciated. The CPO will liaise with the licensing officer regarding this. | **CPO** |
| 5.8 | The CPO state that during this quarter the majority of RTCs reported are for minor damages only, most likely linked to the poor weather conditions. There were no serious injuries noted. |  |
| 5.9 | The CPO reported little activity with Cyber Crime and gave a reminder that the RFIP website contains links to useful resources. The fear of cyber-crime is high, but the reports of attempts remain low, as does anyone reporting being the victim of cyber-crime where financial loss has been suffered. |  |
| 5.10 | The CPO stated that there is not much intelligence received relating to drugs. This is shows good progress in keeping drugs off the Island, although this area continues to be closely monitored. |  |
| 5.11 | The CPO stated that there are not any major issues with the RFIP budget and a carry-over of unspent funds have been requested especially as there are training plans that were delayed due to Covid-19. The budgets were within the expected limits for the 4th quarter of the financial year. Approval of carry-overs is still pending, although it is anticipated that the investigation expenses will have higher expenditure during this financial year due to Operation Quartz. All monies spent on this investigation are being collated under a single budget line. |  |
| 5.12 | There is on-going recruitment to for Senior Police Constable and Detective Sergeant’s posts; interviews have been arranged accordingly. In the meantime acting Police Sergeants will be assigned until the successful applicant arrived in the Islands there will be staff changes within RFIP. Additionally, RFIP welcomed 3 new Reserve Constables during this period which makes the operational reserve constables 7 in total. Additional 3 are expected soon but no agreed start dates as yet. |  |
| **6.0** | **2020/21 4th Quarter Statistics** |  |
| 6.1 | The CPO introduced his 4th quarter statistical report and said that the overall detection rate is as expected. The number of incidents is slightly less compared to the last quarter, possibly due to poor weather conditions, but all incidents were dealt with accordingly by duty officers. |  |
| 6.2 | The CPO stated that RFIP continue to receive false-999 calls on a regular basis although these are not done by the callers intentionally. The CPO said that all real-999 calls were responded to within the targeted time. |  |
| 6.3 | The CPO stated that the crimes show high number of theft and fraud (25). This is due to some individuals who committed more than 1 count of theft and fraud. Additionally there were a number of criminal damages recorded during this period which were all ‘crimed’ and necessary enquiries were made, but these are often hard to detect. |  |
| 6.4 | NR (Media) was permitted to ask questions before leaving the open session of the police committee meeting. Within the statistical report, one of the misc/other offences are ‘Misconduct in a Public Office’ and asked for clarification what type of investigation does this involve. The CPO stated that this is an investigation conducted internally for people who are employed in a public office (such as Police), it has a very high threshold of evidence required to reach the charging standard. |  |
| **7.0** | **Confirmation of Date of Next Meeting** |  |
| 7.1 | To be confirmed. |  |
| **8.0** | **Exclusion of Press and Public** |  |
| 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. |  |
| **9.0** | **Part II** |  |
| 9.1 | **Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of Meeting held on 7th May 2021**  *(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to information about individuals)* |  |
| **10.0** | **Report of the Chief Police Officer (Closed Session)**  *(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to information about individuals)* |  |
| 10.1 | The CPO gave a summary update on all operations that the RFIP are currently investigating. |  |
|  | The meeting ended at 14:40 hrs. |  |

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