



**People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

## DCC Wolfendale's 'demeaning' rap

A rap song performed by North Wales' deputy chief constable has been attacked as "**demeaning**" and "**laughable**" by the head of the **Commission for Racial Equality (CRE)**.

Clive Wolfendale performed the song at the inaugural meeting of the **North Wales Black Police Association (NWBPA)**.

It included lines like *"Bein' in the dibble is no cakewalk when you're black. If you don't get fitted, then you'll prob'ly get the sack."*

Mr Wolfendale began an address to **more than 100 people** with his rap at the first meeting of the (NWBPA) at the force's headquarters last month.

**CRE Chairman Trevor Phillips** referred to the unconventional performance during a speech to black civil servants in London on Monday. **He spoke about the dangers of liberal Britain and "misguided" policies on ethnic minorities that were inherently racist.**

*"I mean, for example, the deputy chief constable of a police force going to the inaugural meeting of his force's black police association and, despite the fact that most of the members of the BPA are British-born or British-raised, and many of them of South Asian origin, addressing them in rap.*

*"Presumably this was an attempt to get down with their supposed culture'. **How wrong. How patronising...***

*"Can we imagine Sir John Stevens (the Metropolitan Police Commissioner) turning up to address the London Police Federation and starting off with a rousing chorus of "Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner" before discussing his policing strategy in Cockney rhyming slang?"*

**The National Black Police Association said** *"Mr Wolfendale had been advised not to go ahead with his rap performance but he refused to listen, spokesman Clive Morris said "I think the view was that it would not to be a clever thing for a deputy chief constable to partake in. As far as I understand the majority of officers that were present were offended by it,"*

**NWBPA Chairman Roger Benedict said** *"The deputy chief constable of North Wales Police had the full support all our executive members to present the feature in the form of a rap."*

Mr Wolfendale's 11-verse rap was intended to be ironic and he responded to his critics by saying: *"Without wishing to sound patronising, I think Mr Phillips has missed the point."*

In the rap, he made reference to the BBC's undercover documentary The Secret Policeman which exposed racism at a police training college.

He rapped: *"The Beeb Man stuffed us with the Secret Policeman. It's no good moanin' cos' he found **the Ku Klux Klan**. Job ain't what it used to be; it's full of blacks and gays. It was just us white homies in the really good ole' days."*

During the secretly-filmed documentary, Rhyl-based Pc Rob Pulling could be seen wearing a Ku Klux Klan-style hood and talking about killing an Asian man.

Pc Rob Pulling resigned soon after and a second North Wales officer featured in the film, Pc Keith Cheshire from Wrexham, left the force this month before facing a disciplinary hearing.

Shortly after the NWBPA was set up as part of action by the force to eliminate racism from its ranks.

And, it seems at least the NWBPA spoke up in Mr Wolfendale's defence.

**Chairman Roger Benedict** said: *"We fully support the Commission for Racial Equality and all that it stands for. However, our association finds Mr Trevor Phillips' comments about 'misguided pandering to ethnic minorities' somewhat confusing. The deputy chief constable of North Wales Police had the full support all our executive members to present the feature in the form of a rap. This, our association viewed as breaking barriers whilst delivering a strong, positive message to our community and potential recruits."*

**The PPP comments ... We totally endorse Trevor Phillips comments, the whole thing is intensely patronising and insulting and the product of a deranged overeducated mind. We believe that a BPA is in itself racist and discriminatory and unnecessary in a professionally managed organisation.**

The full RAP follows

*I'm just a white boy called the Deputy CC / They said I'd never make it as a bitchin' MC / You got it all wrong, cos now here I am / Giving it for real in the North Wales BPA jam*

***They call me Roxy, or Ms Dynamo on stage / Unlike my brother here, I never look my age / I'm goin' to spill it all about the boys in blue / Show you what it's like within the not-so-solid crew***  
*So listen! Watch a doin' here today / Checkin' what the Heddlu Gogledd Cymru gotta say / Put away your cameras and your note pads for a spell / I got a story that I really need to tell*

***Bein' in the dibble is no cakewalk when you're black / If you don't get fitted, then you'll prob'ly get the sack / You're better chillin', lie down and just be passive / No place for us just yet in the Colwyn Bay Massive***

*The Beeb Man stuffed us with the Secret Policeman / It's no good moanin' cos' he found the Ku Klux Klan / Job ain't what it used to be; it's full of blacks and gays / It was just us white homies in the really good ole' days*

***So what we bothrin' with this stinkin' institution / No love, no heart, no sense, no proper constitution / No-one loves the coppers cos' we're rotten to the core / Cross between the devil and a governmental whore***

*What is the purpose of a black association? / It's just another stupid race relations job creation / We got our meetings and our various sub-committees / Packed with some do-gooders and a lot more Walter Mittys*

***Forget all of that bulls\*\*t an' I'll tell u why we're here / Things are sometimes better than they usually appear / The New World Order means the streets are gettin' hot / Trust in one another is really all we got***

*The BPA is sayin' that we're all in the same boat / Black or white in blue, we're all wearin' the same coat / If this don't happen then the lot of us are screwed / Caught up in the mis'ry of the international feud*

***So Roger, Nick and Larbi will you give us one more chance / Danny and Silvana, I'd really like to dance / To Essi and to Imdad I want to give a hand / Let's hear it for Ms Dynamo and all her backin' band***

*There's no time for jam tomorrow, we need the jam today / That's why we launchin' our association in this way / Thank you all for coming and remember what we say / Support your local sheriff and the North Wales BPA.*

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