



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

The Police Authority Professional Standards Committee in action.

The proper handling of complaints made by members of the public is fundamental in maintaining confidence in our police force.

CHIEF OFFICERS

The role of the PSC is to act on behalf of the NWPA to investigate complaints against the Assistant, Deputy and Chief Constables. We also have to decide whether such matters should be referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) where referral is not mandatory. Fortunately such matters are infrequent.....**The PPP comment we would disagree and those below are typical.....**

SENIOR OFFICER COMPLAINT

Submitted a report by the Clerk on a number of representations which had been received in response to an entry on the **Deputy Chief constable's web log of 5th August 2006** relating to the noise caused by motorcyclists in National Parks

A request was made by the media that consideration of the Force's web logs should be held in public. Members were unable to agree this request as the matter involved allegations of conduct which needed to be considered in private.

A full discussion ensued. Members felt strongly that the web logs were an excellent initiative which gave the public a valuable insight and a means of disseminating information and attracting visitors to the force's web-site.

RESOLVED Not to take any further action on the grounds that the matter would not give rise to criminal or disciplinary proceedings, even if proven

To suggest to the Chief Constable that the Force should contact the British Motorcyclists Federation in order to underline the work the Force is doing in terms of educating motorcyclists and enforcement of offences.

SENIOR OFFICER COMPLAINT

Submitted a report by the Clerk on representations which had been received in response to an entry on the **Chief Constable's web log of 11th September 2006** in relation to his reference to residents of Old Colwyn and their local representatives.

RESOLVED Not to take any further action on the grounds that the matter would not give rise to criminal or disciplinary proceedings, even if proven

That the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee should discuss with the Chief Constable the choice of words which the Chief Constable uses in his web logs.

That the Chair of the Authority should discuss with the Chief Constable the issues and implications arising from the use of web log sites by the Force.

The PPP commentsThere is a regular need for the Police Authority to control the outbursts of it's two loose canon, Brunstrom & Wolfendale. Note that the action is always retrospective after the insult is made or the public relations set back etc. In the above cases the abusive tendency in the Officers character is seriously at odds with their power and responsibility and their suitability for high office in our Police Force. Note that the offensive paras. have been deleted from the Blogs records on the force website