



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Vote of no confidence in police chief 12 May 2007

Connah's Quay town councillors gave a vote of no confidence to Chief Constable Richard Brunstrom and North Wales Police Authority because of claims of **poor leadership, negligent behaviour and crazy spending priorities.**

Cllr Arthur Hannah read from a report that claimed Mr Brunstrom and the police authority had grossly mismanaged the police force by "wasting huge amounts of money on gimmicks, witch-hunts and disastrous computer systems" and removing police from the streets.

The report stated that Mr Brunstrom had "been willing to sacrifice police officers to make political points".

"He has made appalling decisions on prioritising how taxes are spent and all the time, the North Wales Police Authority has been complicit in this negligent behaviour."

"While we have contributed more in tax, the chief constable has begun removing community beat officers from our streets.

"I know not of a single police officer in North Wales who isn't giving their job 110 per cent, but many have expressed desperation over the way their force is being run."

Copies of the statement will be sent to the Home Office, to Alyn and Deeside MP Mark Tami, to the Welsh Assembly and other appropriate authorities.

Wrexham councillor Ian Roberts who is the chairman of the North Wales Police Authority, would not comment on whether or not the chief should resign.

Flintshire county councillor Terry Renshaw who is the vice-chairman of North Wales Police Authority's professional standards committee(This must surely be the most unsuitable and ironic appointment this side of John Prescott!!), said: "Connah's Quay Town Council have jumped the gun **and accused us of something we haven't done.** They're so quick to condemn. Connah's Quay Town Council tried to pass a motion calling for the **chief constable to resign two months ago** and it failed. Now they're just piggy backing on something else. It's the old adage – throw enough mud and something will stick."

The PPP comments ...ONLY Three North Wales councils have had the courage and responsibility to tell it as it is and vote accordingly. Meanwhile men like Renshaw who are bought and paid for, with no relevant experience or achievements, rants on in our pathetic press in a feeble attempt to stifle any criticism of his hero. It would be interesting to know??, what the intellectually arrogant and overeducated Brunstrom really thinks about support from this direction!!

Wouldn't it be nice if more of the worms turned at such an opportune time.