

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

**SOUTH WALES POLICE AND  
CRIME PANEL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Young (Bridgend CBC) (Chair)

**Councillors:**

B Bowen-Thomson (Cardiff Council), J Cowan (Cardiff Council), R Lewis (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC), G Thomas (Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC), P Rees (Neath Port Talbot CBC), B Gray (Vale of Glamorgan) and S Jago (Merthyr Tydfil CBC)

Councillor W Evans joined meeting at 11.33 a.m.

**Co-optees:**

M Jehu (Vice-Chair)  
Mr Ian Fox

**Outside Bodies:**

A Michael (Police and Crime Commissioner)  
E Wools (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner)  
L Jones (Interim Chief Executive)

**Officers:**

S Jones (Senior Solicitor)  
M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
20	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christine Richards and Councillor William Evans.
21	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.

22	Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair 2020-2021	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Councillor Richard Young be re-appointed as Chair and Mr Melvin Jehu, Co-opted Member be re-appointed as Vice Chair of the Panel.</p>
23	Minutes of meeting Thursday, 30 January 2020 of South Wales Police and Crime Panel	<p>Amendment on page 3 to read (Umar Hussain) instead of (Uma Hussain).</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be accepted as true record subject to the amendment listed above.</p>
24	Forward Work Programme and Meeting Dates for 2020-2021	<p>Following discussion with the Panel it was</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>a) The following scheduled meeting dates (as listed below) be agreed.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Annual Report)  Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020  Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Precept Meeting)  Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021  Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 (Annual Meeting)</p> <p>b) The Work Programme up to and including the Panel's Annual Meeting in 2021 be prepared by the Panel.</p>
25	Update on SWP Response to Covid-19	<p>The Chair welcomed the Commissioner and his Team to the Meeting and invited him to provide an update on the South Wales Police response to policing the COVID-19 national emergency.</p> <p>Councillor William Evans joined the meeting at 11.33 a.m.</p> <p>Councillor Bernie Bowen-Thompson left the meeting at 12.20 p.m.</p> <p>The Commissioner and his Team provided an insight in to the work undertaken with particular reference made to:</p> <p>(Alan Michael)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Continuing police work within the community</li> <li>• Work undertaken by Emma Wools on the release of prisoners and domestic violence</li> <li>• Local resilience forum work</li> <li>• Jury trial difficulties and possible options available</li> <li>• Strategic board meetings</li> <li>• Recruitment</li> <li>• DRIVE</li> <li>• Community Safety Board</li> </ul>

		<p>(Lee Jones)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional enforcement powers</li><li>• National and Regional responses</li><li>• Fixed Penalty Notices</li><li>• Staff extraction levels</li><li>• VE Celebrations</li><li>• Drug market (innovative, but more exposed)</li><li>• Volunteers/Special Constables</li></ul> <p>(Emma Wools)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Violence Against Women</li><li>• Impact on Social Services</li><li>• Early Custodial Release Scheme</li><li>• Female Offending Blueprint</li></ul> <p>The Commissioner made further comment on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Substance misuse</li><li>• George Floyd death</li><li>• Statement made by Chief Constable</li><li>• Deviation in England and Wales rules</li></ul> <p>The above matters were discussed in detail.</p> <p>Panel Members endorsed and supported the statement made on 'Black Lives Matter'.</p> <p>The Panel also thanked the Commissioner's Team for the work that has been undertaken and the excellent report provided.</p> <p>The Commissioner thanked the Panel for the comments regarding 'Black Lives Matter' and the solidarity of views.</p> <p>Simon Jones advised Panel the next meeting will be on 15 September 2020 (Annual Report and half yearly financial report).</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>a) The Panel notes the content of the report and the significant ongoing activity by South Wales Police and Commission during the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>b) Following questions received from Panel it was agreed that further detail be provided to Panel at the next meeting on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixed Penalty Notices and the financial implications</li><li>• Domestic violence and DRIVE during pandemic</li><li>• Impact of VE Celebrations</li><li>• Calls to 999 and 111 statistics</li><li>• Recruitment</li><li>• Exploitation of older people by telephone scamming during COVID-19</li><li>• Track Trace Protect (requesting bank details)</li><li>• PCSO Powers</li></ul>
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26	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	No other business was deemed urgent by the Chair.
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