



Scottish Police Federation

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Joint Central Committee Legislation and Regulation Standing Committee

Ref: CS/DJK/LS

MINUTES

16 October 2013

1. Attendance

Gordon Dixon	East Area Committee
David Hamilton	North Area Committee
David Kennedy	Conduct Secretary
Andrea MacDonald	West Area Committee
Malcolm Macdonald	West Area Committee
Graham Sloan	North Area Committee

Brian Docherty	Chairman
Calum Steele	General Secretary
Lesley Stevenson	Business Administrator

Apologies were received from Stewart Ross and Graeme Ednie. Graeme was replaced by Graham Sloan.

2. Opening of Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and by thanking them for attending.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated with JCC Circular 57 of 2013 and were approved.

4. Police Federation (Scotland) Rules

The General Secretary had asked for comments on a draft set of Standing Orders. Members discussed related issues, including the proper format for Rule Change Motions, the attendance at SPF meetings of representatives who were off sick, and agreed that the new Standing Orders should cover this.

5. Consideration of JCC Consultations

There were no live consultations.

The Committee discussed direct recruitment to higher ranks in England and Wales and it was agreed that the General Secretary should write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to seek an amendment to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill to ensure that they have at least two years' experience in the office of constable.

The Committee discussed an issue relating to ill health retirements and the Chairman agreed to raise the matter at the JNCC meeting the following day.

6. Competent Business

The General Secretary said that proposals for establishing an alternative to PABS were discussed at the last JCC meeting and it has been agreed a new Scottish Police Consultative Forum will be created. This forum will meet immediately before meetings of the PNBS. He reported that he had requested the regulations governing Conduct, Performance and Police Appeals Tribunals be placed on the agenda as well as Inspectors' working hours.

The General Secretary also advised that the Independent Chairman of PNB had taken on board the concerns of the SPF and Scottish Staff Side (insofar as they related to pan UK pension arrangements) and as a consequence the Independent Chairman had written to the Home Secretary proposing amendments to legislation which will place three policing jurisdictions in the UK on an equal footing. The original proposal was for a subgroup of the PABEW.

7. Closure

Date of next meeting: TBC

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home.