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Dear David

RESPONSE TO DSG

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1st May 2014.

The DSG is in integral part of the community engagement strategy that I am trying to develop at the OPU and I am extremely grateful to be afforded the opportunity to participate.

I fully appreciate the value of the group and my genuine intention is to have CNC visibility at every meeting to be able to provide tangible support to the group to demonstrate that we value our position within the community but also to demonstrate visibility with regards to addressing any concerns raised regarding specific CNC activity.

I agree entirely with, and understand your frustration at the apparent lack of CNC commitment to this initiative which I assure you is not the case and for which I offer my sincere apologies.

I also fully accept that we have not honoured our commitment to the degree that I had hoped for and for that I also offer my apologies.

Unfortunately the disposition of the management team at the OPU at this time is not conducive to supporting extracurricular activity but it is something I am actively engaged in addressing.



Due to shortfalls in the management team the responsibility for attendance at a number of forums falls upon a very small number of individuals namely me, to such a degree that I find myself thinly spread.

I remain fully committed to supporting the DSG and am confident that proposals I have submitted for restructuring the management team will assist me to do so.

In regards to the issue of CNC response driver training I can honestly state that I was unaware of the scope of training to be carried out and did not fully appreciate the impact that this would have upon the community. The training was carried out by and in accordance with an accredited instructor from the Police Service of Scotland and was compatible with the training carried out elsewhere in the country.

Had I realised that officers would be required to drive through the centre of Thurso at speed I would have issued an appropriate communique.

That said, I do appreciate the uniqueness of the Caithness community and perhaps should have anticipated more fully the impact and as The Operational Unit Commander I must and do take full responsibility.

It was not out of any disregard for the community but more out of ignorance of process.

I can assure you those lessons have been learned, I have engaged with the SLC and will also do so with yourselves regarding an appropriate communication strategy to address any future issues.

I deeply regret the fact that the DSG are disappointed with both my lack of representation and the apparent lack of communication re: recent driver training issues, and assure you that I will try to restructure my work load to afford me the ability facilitate attendance on a more frequent basis.

I would like the opportunity to regain your confidence in our commitment to the community and so would like to extend an invitation to the members of the DSG to visit the OPU.

Finally I would like to reaffirm that the CNC greatly appreciate the invitation to be part of the DSG and will demonstrate our appreciation by reacting to the feedback received in a positive and constructive manner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Brotherston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Brotherston
Chief Inspector
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