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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Extraordinary Operation Kenova Governance Board held on 25<sup>th</sup> January to discuss Interim Report Release</b>		
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Note of issues raised during meeting</b>		
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**Note of Extraordinary meeting**

**Europa Hotel**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Present**

Sir Iain Livingstone – IL (Chair)

Bertha McDougall – BM

Harold Good – HG

Keith Surtees- KS

**On line**

Monica McWilliams – MMW

**Note Taker**

Russel Walker - RW

**Apologies**

Fr. Martin Magill – MM (briefed post meeting by Sir Iain)

**Agenda**

1. Introduction
2. Interim Report Launch
3. Kenova Governance Board Public Statement
4. AOB



## 1. Introduction

(IL) opened the meeting and welcomed **MMW** online before informing the meeting that as this was an extraordinary meeting it would not follow the usual agenda and was only convened to discuss the launch of the Kenova interim report.

## 2. Interim Report Update

(IL) explained that PSNI had still not made a final determination about the publication of the Interim Report. Meetings have been held with both the PPS and the PSNI confidentially a date of the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at the Stormont Hotel had been muted, subject to the PSNI getting agreement from the PSNI Strategic Management Board. Temporary DCC Todd is managing the PSNI decision, as CC Boucher has recused himself from the process.

(HG) stated the lack of publication brings suspicion and things will start to leak if there are further substantial delays.

(MMW) wished to mention one of the recommendations (10) in the report concerning an apology from the republican leadership, and was unclear who Jon Boucher expected to make such an apology. Would PSNI be making an apology?

(IL) these are matters to be addressed, if asked at the launch, but thanked MMW for raising the question.

(MMW) had the following report issues to raise:

- Mention of KGB could be at other meetings
- The use of Former Chief Constable for Jon but not including Bedfordshire
- Denton reporting date is misleading should just be 2024
- Makes reference to a missing file

There were also a couple of typos which she would forward by email.

(IL) thanked everyone for their hard work on the report and would give consideration to each point and that all appeared valid.

## 3. Governance Board Public Statement

Discussion held re the proposal to put out a KGB statement in support of the report when it is launched.

(IL) Draft had been circulated which the board found useful but had views, discussion and further contributions led to a new draft that would be circulated for further review.

(HG) and (BM) asked about Media approaches. It was agreed that any media should be referred to the statement issued. The board will be given the contact details (David Old) to give if out should they persist.

## 4. AOB

Discussion held re the KGB meeting minutes not being put on the website since Nov 2022, IL will



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Speak with team to resolve this issue.

Meeting concluded. The next Full KGB would be arranged after the launch of the report.