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Wilson Condemns Recent Remarks against DPP Members

Chairman of Cookstown District Policing Partnership Cllr Trevor Wilson has condemned recent threats from a loyalist source made against all independent and elected Members of the Partnership, describing it as a sinister attempt to deflect them from their work on behalf of the community, with Cookstown PSNI.

An unidentified loyalist source indicated that threats of intimidation would be undertaken against unionist and nationalist Members if loyal order processions were banned or re-routed unnecessarily in the coming weeks within the District.

The Ulster Unionist councillor and Chairman of Cookstown District Council said the District Policing Partnership was set up to work in partnership with the community to ensure the way the area is policed is reflective of the needs and concerns of those living and working in neighbourhoods throughout the district.

He continued, "the DPP is far removed from the decision making process involved in reaching determinations on parades within the district. These are decisions which are taken entirely by the Parades Commission in conjunction with the police.

The local councillor also said, he was amazed to learn of the threat as the local loyal orders had a good working relationship with the police, and he was not aware of any ‘contentious’ parades which the District had not encountered before. He continued by saying he felt the threats were from a source not aligned to any particular grouping who’s only intent was to cause tension.

Cllr Wilson concluded by calling on those responsible to desist in their activity of intimidation.

Cllr Wilson called on anyone with information on the matter to contact Cookstown Police on 028 8676 6000.

Ends.

For further information contact:

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Note to the Editor

1 DPP Membership

Cllr Mary Baker	Mrs Ursula Marshall
Mrs Elizabeth Baxter	Cllr Patsy McGlone MLA
Cllr Peter Cassidy (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Samuel Parke
Mr Eoin Doyle	Mrs Ita Pickering
Cllr Samuel Glasgow	Mr Tony Quinn
Mr Samuel Laughlin	Mr Phonsie Eastwood
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