

1920.

DEF/POL/1#15

C.S.

No.

860

Stipendiary Magistrate.

SUBJECT.

1920

22nd November.

Previous Paper.

Complaint by the members of the W. M. S. Club that the  
Premises of the Club are being watched by the Police.

## MINUTES.

H. E.

(1)

Submitted: with draft letter of reply to the Chairman of  
the Club.

*SKH/13*  
for C. S.  
22/11/20.

(2)

No. I wish to speak with the author  
of the original letter personally.  
Please arrange for an interview.

(3)

*WMS*  
27.11.20.

H.E.

I have arranged with Mr. Allan to see  
Your Excellency at Government House at  
11 o'clock on Thursday morning if convenient  
to Your Excellency.

Subsequent Paper.

130/31.

*SKH/13*  
for C.S.  
30.11.20

C.S.O.

(4)

I regret that press of work  
has caused me to overlook this  
paper. If tomorrow (Tuesday) would  
such Mr. Allen I shall see him  
at 10 am.

W.D.  
13.12.20

C.S.O.

(5)

I have seen Mr. Allen &  
spoken to him about his letter.  
I have informed him that if  
his Club have any definite  
accusation to make against any  
member of the Police force it  
must be done in the proper  
manner. Meanwhile, that his  
letter will receive no further  
attention.

W.D.  
14.12.20



Working Men's Social Club,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th November, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of the above Club to inform you that complaints have been received from certain members that the Club is being continually watched by the Police Force.

On several occasions when members have been leaving the Club at night Constables have been seen just outside the door, and on one occasion a Constable was seen standing under one of the windows and appeared to be listening to conversations that were going on inside.

As no complaints have been received from the Police Force as to the behaviour of the members in the Club, I beg to ask that this matter be looked into as the Committee fear that many members will resign if this practice is carried on.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Charles G. Allan,*

Chairman.

M. C. Craigie-Halkett, Esq.,  
Police Magistrate,  
Stanley.

Police Station  
Stawley.  
20-11-20

10/  
Police Magistrate  
Stawley.

Sir,

With reference to letter from Chairman of the Stawley Working Men's Club, I beg to submit the following report.

No instructions have been issued to Police to watch above club, and it is unusual for the Police to keep a watch on any premises, unless a report has been made to justify such action. The only report that has been received by the Police, concerning the club, was made unofficially, on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> November, to effect that the club door was open on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, and that the language was disgraceful.

As the Constable on duty and myself patrol the town practically every evening until early hours of morning I know the accusations to be false, it is not the principle of Police Force to victimize any person or persons, and I should not encourage such a procedure.

From hearsay, I gather that the members of above club, have expressed their opinion that the Police must not halt when on duty, but should continually keep marching, whilst on patrol, this opinion has been expressed by persons connected with club to members of Police Force.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant.

Lang James

Sgt of Police

November 20<sup>th</sup>. 1920.

To Chief Constable  
Sir

with reference to  
the letter which was received from Secretary  
of the working men's Club dated 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. I  
have never had any instructions to watch  
the above club. Therefore I have never done  
so. Only passed the said club on patrol.

I remain

Sir

Your Obedient. Servant

Const. A. H. Hardy.

November 19<sup>th</sup> 1920

Police Station  
Stanley

Sir

Having read the letter from the Committee of the Working Mens Club charging the Police with continually watching the above Club. I may say I have had no orders to watch the same or at any time have I done so. I have stopped at the corner of the Club when patrolling on night duty and at one time I stopped to listen to the gramophone playing and I might say that was after 12 midnight. I think the members that are about to resign through the Police patrolling the town must not want to meet a Constable so they can have a game on the roads. but I think it only fair that the Committee shall give the names of the person or persons laying the information also of the Constables seen watching the above Club. I am  
Sir yours obedient servant  
Constable S. H. Hooley

Chief Constable  
Stanley



Police Station  
November 17<sup>th</sup> 1920

Chief Constable  
Stanley

Sir

In regard to charge against the Police Force, by the Committee of the Working Men's Social Club. Stating that the club is being continually watched by the Police. And on one occasion one Constable was seen under the window listening to the conversation that was going on inside, we have received no instructions from our department to watch the club. I can answer for myself I have never done so. I have not people coming out of the club on my rounds at night duty, but that's not to say because I am out on the Road in front of the club door I am watching the club. Therefore would the Committee please give the name of the Constable who was seen standing under the window, listening to their conversation inside, and the name or names of the person or persons, who gave them information that the Working Men's Club is being continually watched by the Police force.

Allow me to remain Sir

Your obedient Servant  
Constable Webb.

Chief Constable  
Stanley

Stanley.  
20-11-20

Police Magistrate

Sir, In accordance with instruction  
from Chief Constable I beg to submit attached  
reports from members of Police Force, bearing  
on complaint made by Committee of  
Stanley Working Men's Social Club.

I am,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant -  
Lance Baines  

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Sgt of Police



MINUTE

Hon. Col. Secty,

Attached letter from Chairman of the Working Men's Social Club, submitted. I passed the letter to the Chief Constable and attach reports made by the Police on the subject.

2. The letter from the W.M.S.C. should have been addressed to you and not to the Magistrate as the Magistrate is unable to take up matters of this sort unless brought before him in Court. Will you kindly reply to the W.M.S.C. accordingly.

*M. Francis Harker*

S.M.

22.11.20.

DRAFT.

Sir,

I am directed by the Administrator to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., addressed to the Police Magistrate, on the subject of a complaint by the members of the Working Men's Social Club that the premises of the Club are being watched by the Police.

2. In reply, I am to inform you that the Police have had no instructions to watch the Club, and from enquiries made, it would appear that they have in the past given no further attention to the Club or the movements of its members other than is required of them in the exercise of their ordinary patrol duties.

I am, &c:

The Chairman,

Working Men's Social Club,

Stanley.