

Post Office cases meeting

17.00, 25 March 2013

Room N, Portcullis House

Speaking notes

- Welcome everyone
- Purpose of meeting is to update MPs on how investigations are going
- **Chatham House Rule please – will be discussing live cases and live investigations, easy to prejudice outcome**
- Extremely important issue
- Acknowledge the very important input from the Post Office without which none of this work would be underway
- Alice Perkins and the Post Office
 - great deal of thanks owed to Alice Perkins
 - dealt with an uncomfortable matter with honesty
 - straightforward approach is a real asset
 - vision and willingness to fund the investigations commendable
 - letter from the Post Office
 - Post Office position is that it has not been given the opportunity to comment on what has been found thus far
 - thus we must not pre-judge matters before this has occurred
 - not helpful to issue press releases now, but this time will come
- Shoosmiths – Tadge Channer and Rose Donoghue
 - kept the flame alive from early on when no-one else was interested
 - firm is closely associated with the issue, and continues to be so
- Alliance for Justice for SubPostmaster and Postmistresses – Alan Bates
 - selfless work in promoting the interests of those who feel they have been wrongly accused
- Kay Linnell – independent auditor of the investigations
 - a fine second pair of eyes on the work of Second Sight
- Second Sight – Ian Henderson and Ron Warmington
 - seriously experienced forensic accountants
 - impressed with what I have heard so far

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