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## Family stage protest meeting against dissident's detention

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MEETING: Colin Duffy's mother Ciera McStravick and wife Martine attended a meeting at the Kilwilkie Community Centre in Lurgan last night

**MORE than one hundred supporters of Colin Duffy squeezed into Kilwilkie community hall close to his home in Lurgan, Co Armagh last night to show their anger at his rearrest.**

**Colin Duffy is the only one of 11 suspects arrested in connection with the murders of Constable Stephen Carroll and British army sappers Mark Quinsey and Cengiz 'Patrick' Azimkhar still in custody.**

The meeting was organised at the request of Duffy's family who sat in the front row as the gathering heard from Colin's brother Paul Duffy, Erigi spokesman Brendan Mac Cionnaith and Mike Ritchie from the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ).

There was silence as Paul Duffy revealed that his brother was still refusing food last night in protest at being held in custody and was likely to go "all the way".

"I can tell you he was 12st 2 when he was first arrested, now he is 11 stone. He is determined to see it through and if I know Colly, he will go all the way," he said.

He said Duffy's only crime was his determination to stand up for his community and that had made him a target.

He described his brother as "an unashamed republican" who "has always stood up for the people in this community and he always will".

Mr Ritchie told the room that at the height of the conflict, the CAJ opposed the seven-day detentions.

He described the 28-day detention as “outrageous”.

Several people from the audience got up to speak of their anger at Duffy's rearrest echoing the sentiments etched on walls around the area.

“People here hold Provisional Sinn Fein responsible for what has happened, they don't speak for us, they don't represent us and we'll show that at the next election,” one man in the audience said to a cheer.

Mr Mac Cionnaith thanked those for turning out to the meeting.

“For those who say Colin Duffy has no support, just look around this room,” he said.

“Sinn Fein politicians who continue to take their seats on the Policing Board and District Policing Partnerships should hang their heads in shame, their support is providing cover for the RUC/PSNI.”

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