

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE,
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2014**

PRESENT: H. Rhydderch-Roberts (Chair)

J. Evans, M. Harris, S. Jarman, R. Miller, Community Councillors C. Evans, H. Pattrick and D. Pugh and County Councillor G. Williams.

Observers: County Councillors M. Mackenzie, P. Medicott and S. Hayes

Officers in Attendance: C. Pinney (Solicitor to the Council), S. Tamboo (Solicitor – Corporate), W. Richards (Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services) and E Patterson (Scrutiny Officer).

1.	APOLOGIES	STCS5 – 2014
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No apologies were received.

2.	MINUTES	STCS6 – 2014
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th February 2014 as a correct record.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	STCS7 – 2014
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No declarations of interest were received.

3.	REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL	STCS8 – 2014
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The Sub-Committee received the report of the Solicitor to the Council. (Copy filed with signed minutes)

A. Referral of Councillors to the Public Services Ombudsman.

A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals.

The following update on referrals to the Ombudsman was given:

18/12/TCC – the Adjudication Panel for Wales had determined this case by way of written representation. The case related to N. Casey former Councillor of Llandrindod Town Council. The decision of the Adjudication Panel was to disqualify N. Casey for a period of three years.

The Ombudsman has notified the Council of the following new cases:

01/14/TCC – deciding whether or not to investigate.

02/14/TCC – deciding whether or not to investigate.

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B. Dispensations.

No applications for dispensation were received.

C Membership of Standards Committee

The process for appointing an Independent (Lay) Member to replace Independent Member M. Harris is ongoing.

The Appointment Panel sat on 6th March 2014 and shortlisted six applicants from the 46 eligible applicants. The six applicants were invited to interview on 13th March 2014. The Panel have made a recommendation for ratification at Full Council on 30th April 2014. The new Independent (Lay) Member will start on 22nd June 2014.

D Ombudsman's Case Book

It was agreed that one of the cases would be examined in detail at the next meeting of the Standards Committee.

F Meeting Dates

The following dates for the Sub-Committee were confirmed:

25th June 2014
3rd September 2014
3rd December 2014

All meetings to commence at 10.00am with the option of training available afterwards.

**Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts
Chair**