

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT: P. Swanson (Chair)

Mrs H. Rhydderch-Roberts, Community Councillors Ms C. Evans, H. Evans and Revd A. Jevons and County Councillor K. Curry.

Observers: County Councillors M. Hodges.

Officers in attendance: C. Meredith (Strategic Director – Law and Governance), Ms S. Tamboo (Solicitor), W. Richards (Scrutiny Services Manager) and Mrs E. Patterson (Committee Clerk).

1.	APOLOGIES	STCS21-2010
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Apologies were received from Mrs M. Harris, Mrs S. Jarman, R. Miller

2.	MINUTES	STCS22-2010
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2010 as a correct record subject to the correction of Mrs H. Rhydderch-Roberts name at Item D on page 2.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	STCS23-2010
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No declarations of interest were received.

4.	REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – LAW AND GOVERNANCE - STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS	STSC24-2010
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The Sub-Committee received the report of the Strategic Director – Law and Governance (Copy filed with signed Minutes).

A. Members' Code of Conduct

The Scrutiny Services Manager was invited to a meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks to provide training to Clerks on the Members' Code of Conduct. Nine Clerks attended the training held in Llanidloes on 3rd November 2010.

The Scrutiny Services Manager attended meetings of the One Voice Wales area meetings in October and discussed with the meeting the possibility of joint training between the County Council and One Voice Wales of Clerks and Chairs of Town and Community Councils. The Meetings indicated that this would be welcomed but the cost of training was raised as an issue. Further discussions will be required with One Voice Wales as to the possibility of taking this forward.

B. Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman

One new referral had been made to the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman was deciding whether or not to investigate.

C. Dispensations

Applications for dispensation had been received from three Members of Llanbadarn Fynydd Community Council on the grounds that out of the 7 Community Councillors 5 had interests relating to Wind Farms and any meeting would be inquorate. The applications would be considered when applications had been received from all 5 Members.

D. Standards Conference

A report on the Standards Conference by Councillor M. Hodges was attached as Appendix 5 to the Standards Committee agenda.

E. Meeting dates

The following dates for the Standards Community Sub-Committee were confirmed subject to the amendment agreed at Standards Committee that dates in the second half of 2011 would be sought whereby Standards Committee and Standards Community Sub-Committee could observe another meeting of the Council in the morning and then hold their meetings in the afternoon.

Wednesday 2nd February, 2011
Wednesday 27th April, 2011
Wednesday 29th June, 2011
Wednesday 7th September, 2011
Wednesday 30th November, 2011

P. SWANSON
Chairman