

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE,
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2012.**

PRESENT: Mrs H. Rhydderch-Roberts (Chair)

Mrs J. Evans, Mrs M. Harris, Mrs S. Jarman, Mr R. Miller, Community Councillors Ms C. Evans, H. Evans, Revd A. Jevons and County Councillor K.W. Curry.

Observers: County Councillor M.D. Hodges.

Officers in Attendance: C. Meredith (Strategic Director – Law and Governance), Ms J. Kealey (Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services), Ms S. Tamboo (Solicitor – Corporate), W. Richards (Scrutiny Manager), Mrs E. Patterson (Scrutiny Officer).

1.	ELECTION OF CHAIR	STCS6 - 2012
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RESOLVED that Mrs Rhydderch-Roberts be elected Chair for the remainder of her term of office until 13th May 2015.

2.	APOLOGIES	STCS7 - 2012
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Miss V.E. Evans and F. Barker.

3.	MINUTES	STCS8 - 2012
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st February 2012 as a correct record subject to the amendment of the number of each minute to read 2012.

4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	STCS9 - 2012
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There were no declarations of interests from Members.

5.	REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – LAW AND GOVERNANCE	STCS10 - 2012
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The Sub-Committee received the report of the Strategic Director – Law and Governance. (Copy filed with signed minutes)

A. Referral of Councillors to the Public Services Ombudsman.

A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals.

The following notifications had been received from the Ombudsman since the last meeting of the committee:-

Existing complaint - 7/11/TCC – Ombudsman is still investigating.

Existing complaint - 3/12/TCC – Ombudsman will investigate

New complaint 4/12/TCC – Ombudsman yet to decide whether to investigate

New complaint 5/12/TCC – Ombudsman yet to decide whether to investigate

New complaint 6/12/TCC – Ombudsman yet to decide whether to investigate

New complaint 7/12/TCC – Ombudsman yet to decide whether to investigate

New complaint 8/12/TCC– Ombudsman yet to decide whether to investigate

B. Dispensations.

B1. Applications – Town and Community Councillors.

No applications for dispensation were received.

C. Town and Community Council Representative.

The Committee considered whether One Voice Wales should assist in the elections for Town and Community Council representatives to the Standards Community Sub-Committee on a shire basis. It was agreed however that the previous arrangements operated in 2008 whereby the election process was solely undertaken by the council should continue for the 2012 appointments to the sub – committee. It was also agreed that notifications and literature should advise prospective candidates that there is now an allowance with the role and also that a role profile be included with the information packs.

RESOLVED	Reason for Resolution
That the County Council continue to undertake the election process for the 3 Town and Community Council representatives to the Standards Sub-Committee.	To ensure representation from Town and Community Councils on the Standards Sub-Committee following the local government elections.

D. Meeting Dates.

The following dates for the Sub-Committee were confirmed:

4th July, 2012

5th September, 2012

5th December, 2012

The Chair advised that she would agree a date for the Standards Community Sub-Committee to meet early in the new Council year to consider blanket dispensations.

6.	SUCH OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN ARE OF SUCH URGENCY TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION	STCS11 - 2012
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No issues were raised.

The Chair thanked the three Community Council representatives for their contribution to the work of the Sub-Committee and Standards Committee over the last 4 years, and in particular Mr H Evans who had served two terms and would not be eligible to stand for re-election.

Standards Community Sub-Committee
4th April 2012

Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts
Chair

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