

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS,  
POWYS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2019**

PRESENT: Mr S Hays (Chair)

Independent Members: Mrs J Evans, Mrs C Moore and Mrs C Mulholland

County Councillors: County Councillor K M Roberts-Jones

Town and Community Council Representatives: Councillors M Morris, H Patrick and J. Shearer

In attendance: Ms D Jones (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Miss C Johnson  
[Democratic Services Officer]

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs C Jackson.

**2. MINUTES**

The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June, 2019 as a correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL**

The Committee received the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy filed with signed minutes).

**A Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman**

**A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals**

The current position regarding matters with the Ombudsman is detailed below:

7/17/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
7/18/TCC	Complaint received – Ombudsman not investigating but now subject to review
8/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
10/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
11/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
13/18/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
15/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
16/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
17/18/TCC	Concluded no action

- 02/19/TCC Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate  
 03/19/TCC Not investigating  
 04/19/TCC Not investigating
- B. Dispensations

**B1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors**

No applications for dispensation have been received from Town or Community Councillors.

**C. Ombudsman's Casebook**

The Ombudsman had published Code of Conduct Casebook for the period October – December 2018.

**D. Training of community councillors**

The Committee noted the Head of Democratic Services' response. However, the Member who had raised the issue commented that, she was not asking the Council to provide training. It was suggested that discussions could take place with One Voice Wales [OVW] to discuss issues regarding code of conduct complaints and how the training provided by OVW relates to the type of complaints received by the Ombudsman.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>To invite a representative of One Voice Wales [OVW] to the next meeting.</b>	<b>To contact OVW in respect of code of conduct complaints regarding town and community councillors.</b>

**E. Meeting Dates**

The following Committee dates were noted:

Wednesday 12 February 2020

Wednesday 10 June 2020

Wednesday 7 October 2020 [rather than September as indicated in the officer's report].

**Mr S Hays (Chair)**