

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS,
POWYS ON WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2020**

PRESENT: Mr S Hays (Chair)

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

County Councillor: County Councillor K M Roberts-Jones

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October, 2019 as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Patrick declared a personal interest in the presentation by One Voice Wales, as he is a member of the National Executive Committee [NEC] One Voice Wales.

4. ONE VOICE WALES [OVW]

The Chair welcomed Mr Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales [OVW] to the meeting. Mr Cadwallader spoke about OVW including its core aims, key activities and services and its work with the Public Services Ombudsman and the training it provided to town and community councils.

In response to questions he advised that as town and community councils were being asked to do more, larger councils were becoming more political. As a result, people had views on issues and what should be done and so raised concerns via the ombudsman complaint process.

The Chair thanked Lyn Cadwallader for his attendance.

5. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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

- 02/19/TCC Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
- 05/19/TCC Concluded not investigating
- 06/19/TCC Concluded not investigating
- 07/19/TCC Concluded not investigating
- 08/19/TCC Concluded not investigating
- 09/19/TCC Concluded not investigating
- 10/19/TCC Concluded not investigating
- 11/19/TCC Ombudsman investigating
- 12/19/TCC Concluded not investigating

B. Dispensations

B1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors

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

C. Ombudsman’s Casebook

The Ombudsman had published Code of Conduct Casebook for the period April – June 2019 and July – September 2019.

D. Independent lay Member on Standards Committee

The Committee noted the appointments process.

RESOLVED THAT	Reason for decision
Councillor M Morris would be the Town and Community Council representative on the Appointment Panel.	To enable the appointments process to continue.

E. Meeting Dates

The following Committee dates were noted:
 Wednesday 10 June 2020
 Wednesday 7 October 2020

Mr S Hays (Chair)