

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE 2021**

PRESENT: Mr S Hays (Chair)

Independent Members: Mrs J Evans, Mrs C Moore and Mrs C Mulholland  
Town and Community Council Representatives: Councillor H Patrick and Councillor J Shearer  
County Councillor: County Councillor K M Roberts-Jones

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from Community Councillor M Morris.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 12 February 2020, 26 February 2021 and 27 May 2021 as correct records.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest.

<b>4.</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>
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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
11/19/TCC	Concluded no action
13/19/TCC	Standards Community Sub-Committee hearing held on 27 May 2021 – see minutes which are a separate item on the agenda
01/20/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating

02/20/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
03/20/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
04/20/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
05/20/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
06/20/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
07/20/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
08/20/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
09/20/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
10/20/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
11/20/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
12/20/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
01/21/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
02/21/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
03/21/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
04/21/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
05/21/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
06/21/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate

The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that the Ombudsman had reported that the number of complaints received had significantly increased since June 2020. She advised that officers would review the records to establish whether any cases were duplicates and should be cross referenced/deleted as historical.

## **B. Dispensations**

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

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

## **C. Independent lay Member on Standards Committee**

The Committee noted the reasons for the delay in appointing to the independent member vacancy.

**RESOLVED THAT  
the Appointments Panel would  
also consist of:  
Community Council  
representative – Community  
Councillor Hugh Pattrick and  
Community Councillor Joy  
Shearer being the reserve.**

**Reason for decision  
To enable the  
appointments process to  
continue.**

## **D. Ombudsman's Casebook**

The Ombudsman had published Code of Conduct Casebook for the period October – December 2019 and January – December 2020.

**E. Meeting Dates**

The next meeting date was noted:  
Wednesday 13 October 2021

**Mr S Hays (Chair)**