

List of Complaints Presented to the Standards Committee

Date of Standards Committee	Town / Community Council Complaints	Vale of Glamorgan Local Dispute Resolution Procedure	Ombudsman
18 th June 2014	Town and Community Councillor censured, the Councillor having used or attempted to use his position as a Community Councillor improperly to secure or receive an advantage by contributing to discussions at a Community Council meeting at which Members took decisions aimed at rendering future planning applications on a particular site less likely to succeed. The Standards Committee also agreed that the Councillor be required to attend a training session regarding the Members' Code of Conduct.		
19 th June 2014	Town and Community Councillor censured, the Councillor having used or attempted to use his position as a Community Councillor improperly to secure or receive an advantage by contributing to discussions at a Community Council meeting at which Members took decisions aimed at rendering future planning applications on a particular site less likely to succeed. The Standards Committee at that time agreed that the Councillor		

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	also be required to attend a training session regarding the Members' Code of Conduct.		
31 st July 2014	Having made inappropriate and personal comments about a Councillor and around his code of conduct, the Standards Committee suspended a Member of a Community Council from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of six months and was requested to attend a training session regarding the Members' Code of Conduct. (Also 21 st April, 2015 below refers.)		
26 th February 2015		Local Dispute Resolution Procedure hearing was held on 10 th February, 2015. The decision of the Independent Member was that the Councillor be censured.	
21 st April 2015	The Standards Committee received a report in respect of an appeal to the Adjudication Panel for Wales from the Community Councillor in respect of the complaint dealt with by the Standards Committee on 31 st July, 2014 (as above) that the Councillor had breached the Community		

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	<p>Council's Code of Conduct . Following the hearing held by the Adjudication Panel for Wales Appeal Tribunal on 22nd January 2015 the decision of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Standards Committee was overturned. The Standards Committee although accepting the decision of the Adjudication Panel for Wales, did however, write to the Registrar of the Adjudication Panel advising of the Committee's concerns and that it had made its decision based on the case as presented and not on assumptions.</p>		
9 th December 2015			<p>An Ombudsman's report was presented to the Standards Committee in respect of allegations against a Community Councillor. Following consideration of the evidence and verbal representations at the meeting.</p> <p>The Standards Committee resolved:</p> <p>(1) That, contrary to Paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct, the</p>

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			<p>Community Councillor carried out and / or permitted building works to be carried at his home and his wife's property without planning permission and be suspended from being a Community Councillor for a period of one month.</p> <p>(2) That, contrary to Paragraphs 10(1) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct, the Community Councillor failed to consider whether he had a personal interest in a Planning Application and whether he was required to disclose that interest when he e-mailed other Community Councillors concerning the said Planning Application in advance of the Community Council's Planning Committee meeting which considered the Planning Application; and be suspended from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of one month.</p> <p>(3) That, contrary to Paragraphs 11(2)(a) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct, the</p>

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			<p>Community Councillor failed to include details of his personal interest in a planning application in his written representations contained in an e-mail that was sent in part to two Community Councillors; and be suspended from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of one month.</p> <p>(4) That, contrary to Paragraph 14(1)(c) and / or Paragraph 14(1)(d) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct, the Community Councillor sought to influence a decision about a Planning Application by an e-mail sent in part to Councillors who considered the Councillor's Planning Application as Members of the Council's Planning Committee (despite having a personal interest in the said Planning Application and a prejudicial interest by virtue of Paragraph 12(1) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct and be suspended from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of one month.</p>

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			<p>(5) That, contrary to Paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct, the Community Councillor (in his personal capacity) advertised the premises as licensed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council albeit they were not licensed and had not been licensed and therefore misrepresented the position and be suspended from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of one month.</p> <p>(6) That, contrary to Paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct. the Community Councillor either operated the said premises without a licence from the Vale of Glamorgan Council or misrepresented the premises as operational. The Community Councillor was suspended from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of one month.</p> <p>(7) That, contrary to Paragraphs 11(1) and / or 11(2)(a) and / or</p>

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			<p>11(2)(b) of the Community Council's Members' Code of Conduct, the Community Councillor failed to declare his personal interest at meetings of the Community Council or sub-committees of the Community Council on specified dates and be suspended from being a Member of the Community Council for a period of one month.</p> <p>NB The suspensions were also agreed to be run concurrently.</p> <p>The member was also advised that subject to any appeal, the findings of the Standards Committee be publicised in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001.</p>
23 rd November 2017		Two Local Dispute Resolution Procedure hearings were held on 24 th November 2017. The decision of	

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		the Independent Member being that the Councillor be censured.	

N.B. The reports in respect of Local Dispute Resolution Procedure hearings are reported to the Standards Committee for information under Confidential Reports.