

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Standards Committee on Monday, 6 November 2023

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Co-opted members:</u> Julia Hughes (Chair), David Wynn Davies, Jacqueline Guest, Mark Morgan, Gill Murgatroyd and Councillor Ian Papworth <u>Councillors:</u> Teresa Carberry, Andrew Parkhurst and Antony Wren</p> <p><u>Town and Community Council Representatives:</u> Shaun Jones, Clerk of Buckley Town Council; Councillor Chrissy Gee of Broughton & Bretton Community Council; Councillor Patricia Davies of Brynford Community Council; Councillor Arnold Woolley of Buckley Town Council; Councillor Steve Cople of Caerwys Town Council; Councillor David Roberts of Halkyn Community Council; Councillors Janet Axworthy, Bill Cooper and Dave Mackie of Hawarden Community Council; Liz Corner (Clerk) and Councillor Chris Upton of Higher Kinnerton Community Council; Councillor Ian Hodge of Holywell Town Council; Tracey Brown (Clerk) and Councillors Penny Brett-Roberts, Barrie Gregory, Eileen Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Richard Lloyd, Mark Robinson, Kim Shallcross and Jason Shallcross of Saltney Town Council; Councillors Barry Jones, Allan Marshall and Mark Thornton of Treuddyn Community Council; Councillor Richard Dolphin of Whitford Community Council; Sharron Jones, Clerk of Broughton & Bretton Community Council and Hawarden Community Council; Phillip Parry, Clerk of Caerwys Town Council, Halkyn Community Council and Whitford Community Council; and Carolyn Thomas, Clerk of Llanfynydd Community Council and Treuddyn Community Council</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Monitoring Officer and Democratic Services Officer</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	Councillor Andrew Parkhurst declared a personal and prejudicial interest on minute number 41 which was an urgent confidential item to be discussed at the end of the meeting, as agreed by the Chair. Councillor Parkhurst left the meeting prior to the start of that item. Councillor Antony Wren declared a personal interest on the same item.
A2	Minutes	That subject to the two amendments, the minutes be approved as a correct record.
A3	Dispensations	None received.

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A5	Feedback from the Independent Members' visits to Town and Community Councils	(a) That the report include examples of good practice observed at the meetings; and (b) That the report is circulated to all Town and Community Councils in Flintshire and the common themes and suggestions at paragraph 1.04 of the report are endorsed as recommendations of best practice to those councils.
A6	Reports from Independent Member visits to County Council meetings	That the Committee notes the verbal feedback to be shared with all Members.
A7	Rolling Review of the Members' Code of Conduct	That the Committee amends the value above which gifts and hospitality must be registered from £10 to £25.
A8	Suggested items for the National Forum for Chairs of Standards Committees	That the suggested items be put forward for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting of the National Forum for Chairs of Standards Committees.
A9	Feedback from the Ethical Liaison Meeting	That the Committee oversees the development of a training programme for County Councillors and Group Leaders.
A10	Forward Work Programme	That the Forward Work Programme, as amended, be approved.
A11	Confidential urgent item	(a) That the Monitoring Officer write to all County Councillors (copied to the Standards Committee) to convey the Committee's concerns following consideration of feedback from a recent visit to a County Council meeting and the findings of a PSOW case; and (b) That once visits to County Council meetings had been completed for the 2023/24 municipal year, the Committee would review the situation to assess if further visits were required.