

Medway Council
Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee
Monday, 24 February 2014
6.00pm to 6.10pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers, Paul Godwin, Adrian Gulvin, Hicks (Chairman), Kemp (Vice-Chairman), Royle, Shaw and Smith

In Attendance: Perry Holmes, Assistant Director Legal and Corporate Services/Monitoring Officer
Nicola Smith, Democratic Services Officer

872 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 27 January 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

873 Apologies for absence

There were none.

874 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

875 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

876 Exclusion of the press and public

Resolved:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt material relating to agenda item 6 because consideration of these

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matters in public would disclose information falling within Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as specified in agenda item 5, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Committee considers that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

877 Assessment of complaint CCC/002/2014

Discussion:

The Committee considered complaint CCC/002/2014 received by the Monitoring Officer on 24 January 2014.

Decision:

- (a) In accordance with the Assessment Criteria as set out in Medway Council's procedure for dealing with Councillor Conduct complaints under the Localism Act 2011, the Committee decided:
- i) that the matter should be referred to the Parish Council for resolution;
 - ii) that the Monitoring Officer write to the Clerk of the Parish Council suggesting there is a meeting held within the Parish Council in order to attempt resolution of the matters raised by the complainant if they have not already been resolved.

Reasons:

- (a) The Committee determined that although the complaint did potentially amount to a breach of the Parish Council's code of conduct, the best environment for resolving the complaint was the Parish Council itself given the nature of the concerns raised.
- (b) The Committee were aware that a meeting of the Parish Council had taken place on 19 February subsequent to the complaint being lodged to try to resolve some of the matters referred to in the complaint.

Chairman

Date:

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