

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9 NOVEMBER 2020

Present:

Councillors Bullivant, Connett, Evans, Nuttall (Vice-Chair), Peart, L Petherick (Chair), Barnicott, Smith and Dowding

Member in Attendance:

Councillor Eden

Also in Attendance:

David Cox (support for and friend of Cllr Eden)

Complainants - Cllr Phipps and Mr Prior

Independents Persons – Mr Barnicott and Ms Smith

Parish Councillor Representative – Councillor R Dowding

Investigator – Mr Austin

Officers in Attendance:

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Beth Tipton, Administrative Assistant

Paul Woodhead, Solicitor & Deputy Monitoring Officer

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Connett highlighted the fact that Cllrs Evans, Nuttall and himself were members of the Liberal Democrats of which Cllr Eden was also a member.

Cllr Cox stated that in his professional capacity he wrote the Articles of Association for the air show and he advised them on obtaining funding.

John Austin the Investigating Officer stated that he knew the Democratic Services Team Leader via a professional body.

25. STANDARDS COMPLAINT

The Committee considered the published report in line with the procedure set out in the agenda.

Attached is the You Tube stream of the meeting [Standards Committee 9 November 2020](#).

The Committee went into confidential session to consider the Investigator's recommendations regarding the alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED

Having made a finding of facts as set out in its Decision Notice, the Committee concludes that Cllr Eden breached the Members' Code of Conduct as provided for in the Decision Notice and that:-

- (a) Cllr Eden must provide a public letter of apology within 5 workdays of the decision being notified to her (to be agreed with the Chair of Standards Committee) to Teignmouth Town Council for her conduct; and
- (b) The Committee also decided to send a letter to Teignmouth Town Council asking them to review how they deal with conduct and behaviour within their Council taking account of course of proposed changes and recommendations as are currently pending from the LGA and/or advised Committee for Standards in Public Life.

Decision notice attached.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.30 am.

Chair