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**CYFARFOD ARBENNIG O'R PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Dyddiad ac Amser / Date and Time

2.00pm, DYDD LLUN, 13 EBRILL, 2015

2.00PM, MONDAY, 13 APRIL, 2015

Lleoliad / Location

***Ystafell Glyder Fawr,
Swyddfa Penrallt / Penrallt Office
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**PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Aelodaeth/Membership

Aelodau Etholedig / Elected Members (3)

Y Cynghorwyr / Councillors
Lesley Day
Eryl Jones-Williams
Michael Sol Owen

**Aelodau Annibynnol (hefo pleidlais) /
Independent Members (with a vote) (5)**

Ms Linda Byrne
Ms Jaqueline Hughes
Miss Margaret E Jones
Mr David Waering
Dr Einir Young

**Aelod Pwyllgor Cymuned (hefo pleidlais) /
Community Committee Member (with a vote) (1)**

Y Cynghorydd / Councillor David Clay

RHAGLEN

1. ETHOL CADEIRYDD

Ethol Cadeirydd ar gyfer y cyfarfod hwn.

2. YMDDIHEURIADAU

Derbyn unrhyw ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.

3. DATGAN BUDDIANT PERSONOL

Derbyn unrhyw ddatganiad o fuddiant personol.

4. ADRODDIAD Y SWYDDOG MONITRO AR YMCHWILIAD I GŴYN YN ERBYN Y CYNGHORYDD JULIAN KIRKHAM O GYNGOR CYMUNED ARTHOG

Ystyried adroddiad yr Uwch Gyfreithiwr (ynghlwm).

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman for this meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

4. REPORT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER ON AN INVESTIGATION INTO A COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST COUNCILLOR JULIAN KIRKHAM, ARTHOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To consider the report of the Senior Solicitor (attached).

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| MEETING: | Standards Committee |
| DATE: | 13 April 2015 |
| TITLE: | Report by the Monitoring Officer on an investigation into a complaint made against Councillor Julian Kirkham, Arthog Community Council |
| AUTHOR: | Senior Solicitor |
| ACTION: | Final Determination on a report prepared by the Monitoring Officer |

Background

1. Following a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales that Councillor Kirkham had breached the code of conduct for members, the matter was referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation and consideration by the Standards Committee.

2. In accordance with the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001 ("the Regulations"), the Committee considered the Ombudsman's report in its meeting on the 26 January 2015. It came to the conclusion that Councillor Kirkham should be given the opportunity to make representations, either orally or in writing in respect of the findings of the investigation and any allegation that he or she has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the authority's code of conduct.

3. The procedure for dealing with allegations made against Councillors and referred to this Committee is set out in the Appendix A to this report.

The Monitoring Officer's Investigation Report

4. Members are asked to consider the Monitoring Officer's report (Appendix B) and the written representations submitted by Councillor Kirkham (Appendix C).

Recommendations

5. That the Committee consider the complaints against Cllr. Kirkham in accordance with the Hearings Procedure and to come to one of the decisions that the regulations allow. The Regulations (reg.9) provide that, after hearing any representations, the Committee must come to one of the following decisions:

(a) that there is no evidence of any failure to comply with the authority's code of conduct and that therefore no action needs to be taken in respect of the matters which are the subject of the investigation;

(b) that the member has failed to comply with the authority's code of conduct but that no action needs to be taken in respect of that failure;

(c) that the member of the authority has failed to comply with the authority's code of conduct and should be censured, or

(d) that the member of the authority has failed to comply with the authority's code of conduct and should be suspended or partially suspended from being a member of that authority for a period not exceeding six months.