

Standards Committee 09.06.25 - Allegations against members

Complaint 202407933

That a member of a town council had made a false report to the Police about the Complainant.

Decision

Not to investigate. The member was not acting as a member at the time. It was further considered whether it might have brought the authority or member into disrepute. The police concluded that there was insufficient evidence and they did not want to pursue the matter. There was therefore no suggestion or conclusion that the report made was false or a waste of Police time.

Complaint 202408934

That a town council member falsified records when acting in her employment. It was also alleged that she had failed to declare an interest when the funding of a local scheme was discussed.

Decision

Not to investigate. The member was not acting in her capacity as a member and no evidence had been presented to suggest that the alleged conduct, which had not been proven, brought the council into disrepute. No evidence was also presented to support the claim that the member failed to disclose an interest.

Complaint 202409315

A complaint by a member of the public, that a member of a town council behaved in an aggressive manner at a meeting with the staff of a local business and also failed to disclose that another member had a personal interest in connection with the business at the annual meeting of the council. It was also alleged that, at a separate meeting, he had made vexatious complaints to HMRC about the company. It was finally alleged that the member had been shouting and yelling at the council clerk.

Decision

Not to investigate. No evidence had been presented to support the allegations.

Complaint 202409316

That a town council member is trying to harm a local company by abusing his position as a councillor. The Complainant alleged that the Member harassed staff and tried to get them to leave their jobs. It was also alleged that the Member had made malicious and vexatious complaints about the company to Natural Resources Wales and that he had given negative reports about the business at Council meetings, while failing to report positive news.

Decision

No investigation. No evidence was presented to support the complaint, and the Ombudsman will not investigate unless there is reasonably strong evidence to suggest that the member concerned may have breached the Code. It is the responsibility of the Complainant to provide direct evidence in support of their complaint.
