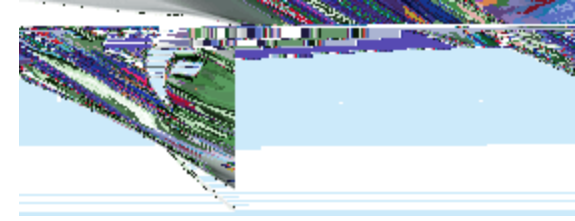


Conduct and Governance for Town and Community Councils

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Programme

- » **Constitutional issues**
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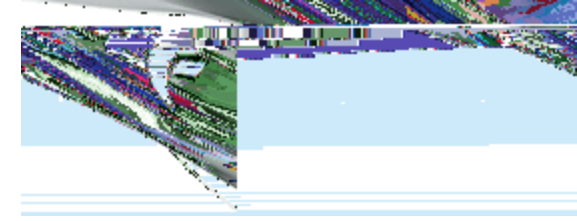
Constitutional Issues



» **Section 33 Local Government Act 1972**

(1) A community council shall be a body corporate consisting of the chairman and community councillors

Meetings



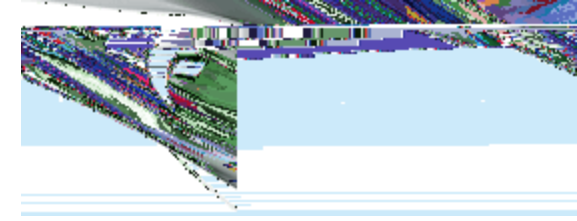
- » **Part IV, Schedule 12 LGA 1972**
- » **Agendas 3 days before**
- » **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**
- » **Role of the chair**
- » **Role of the clerk**
- » **Behaviour at meetings**

Code of Conduct for Councillors



- » **Nolan Principles**
- » **Local Government Act 2000**
- » **Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008 (as amended 2016)**
- » **Mandatory code**
- » **When does it apply?**

Principles of Public Life



- » ***Selflessness***
- » ***Honesty***
- » ***Integrity and Propriety***
- » ***Duty to Uphold the Law***
- » ***Stewardship***
- » ***Objectivity in Decision-making***
- » ***Equality and Respect***
- » ***Openness***
- » ***Accountability***
- » ***Leadership***

Selflessness



1. Members must act solely in the public interest. They must never use their position as members to improperly confer advantage on themselves or to improperly confer advantage or disadvantage on others.

» **Paragraphs 7 and 10 - 14**

» **Behaviours**

» **Evidence based
decision making**

» **Declaring interests**

» **Lobbying officers or
members**

»

Honesty



2. Members must declare any private interests relevant to their public duties and take steps to resolve any conflict in a way that protects the public interest.

» **Paragraphs 10 - 14**

» **Behaviours**

» **Declaring interests**

» **Seeking
dispensation**

» **Lobbying officers and
members**

» **Participating with
prejudicial interest**

Uphold the Law



4. Members must act to uphold the law and act on all occasions in accordance with the trust that the public has placed in them.

» **Paragraph 6**

» **Behaviours**

» **Role model for the code**

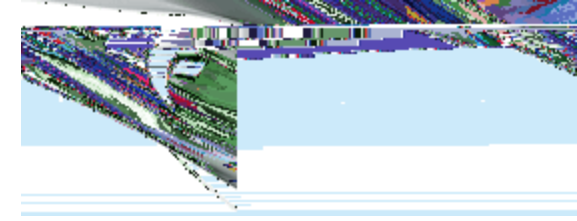
» **Not break the law in private life**

» **Respect law in office**

» **Ignoring advice on code, governance or process**

» **Committing criminal offences**

Stewardship



5. In discharging their duties and responsibilities

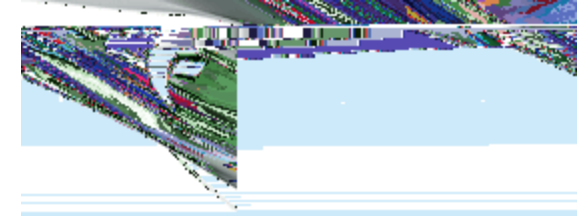
are used both lawfully and prudently.

- » Paragraphs 7b
- » Behaviours

- » Open and transparent contracting
- » Declaring interests

- » Photocopying election materials
- » Favouring friends with contracts

Equality and Respect



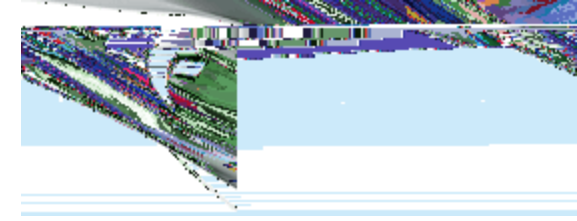
7. Members must carry out their duties and responsibilities with due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, age or religion, and show respect and consideration for others.

» Paragraphs 4 and 6 (2)

» Behaviours

»

Openness



8. Members must be as open as possible about all their actions and those of their authority. They must seek to ensure that disclosure of information is restricted only in accordance with the law.

- » Paragraphs 5 and principle of registration
- » Behaviours

- » Constructive challenge + questioning
- » Learn from experience
- » Registration
- » Suppressing information
- » Conducting witch hunts
- » Seeking personal data



Leadership



10. Members must promote and support these principles by leadership and example so as to promote public confidence

» **Paragraph 6**

» **Behaviours**

» **Respecting the code**

» **Seeking + considering advice**

» **Role model to others**

» **Flouting the code**

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» **Criticising the ethical regime**

Working With the County Council

- » **Governance and Ethical Issues**
- » **Service delivery**
- » **County Charter and County Forum**

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