

STANDARDS COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

Complaint ref	020398
Subject Member	Councillor Moira Cox
Council	Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council
Date of decision	28 July 2020
Breach of the code (Y/N)	Yes

DECISION

On 28 July 2020, the monitoring officer considered a complaint alleging that Councillor Cox may have acted in breach of the code of conduct for members. The appointed independent person was consulted in considering the matter.

The monitoring officer and the independent person concluded that Councillor Cox did breach the code of conduct.

Summary of complaint

An allegation was received that Councillor Cox declared the wrong interest at a meeting of Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council on 23 April 2020

Reasons for decision

Whilst Councillor Cox has acknowledged that she should have declared a Schedule 1 interest in the planning application being discussed at the parish council meeting held on 23 April 2020, she did participate and vote in the matter when she should not have. By failing to declare the correct interest and participating and voting on the matter under discussion, Councillor Cox did breach the code of conduct. Councillor Cox has provided a reason as to why the situation arose and has arranged with the clerk to the parish council to undertake code of conduct and planning training so that the situation should not arise again.