

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Standards Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 January 2013</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Allegations against members</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Action:</b>	<b>For information</b>

## **1. Background**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee members of the developments, since the last report, in relation to allegations against members. The report is based on the information received from the Ombudsman.

## **2. Decisions**

### **Case 201203256**

Complaint against a member of a community / town council, by a fellow member, that he had not disclosed an interest when a planning application was under consideration. The councillor has worked at the property for a period in the past, and recently had unsuccessfully tendered for work with the applicants. Also, the member had been quoted in the local paper expressing concerns about the property's general planning situation.

Decision – No investigation. There did not appear to be a close personal association between the councillor and the applicant and therefore no interest arose.

## **3. Outstanding allegations**

### **Cases 201203449 & 201203493**

A complaint that a county councillor had used his Facebook page to solicit negative comments and that some of them were unfounded and offensive.

The Ombudsman's investigation is continuing.

## **4. Case considered by the Standards Committee**

The Committee held a hearing in relation to the complaint against Councillor A.M. Jones, Gwynedd Council on 26 September 2012. Councillor Jones appealed to the Adjudication Panel for Wales and a hearing date is awaited.

## **5. Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the information.