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Subject: CLSC complaint

Good morning Carolyn,

Please find my observations on the CLSC meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November 2016.

I am not trying to 'stick the proverbial boot in' but feel there is a situation which clearly needs resolving.

I don't think it is a secret that there is some tension between Cllr Streingel and Cllr Lee. This I believe is now having a damaging affect on the work of the committee and causing embarrassment when we have new inexperienced members perhaps not familiar with this type of confrontational behaviour.

The way I see it and I am trying to be as objective as possible is that Cllr Streingel has difficulty with apolitical consensual meetings. He is very politically defensive and seems to prefer confrontational politics. His only contribution at the meeting was embarrassing for all concerned. He spent the rest of the meeting making inaudible comments to his fellow Conservative councillor. We are fairly used to this kind of behaviour which has been apparent previously but his behaviour at the end of the meeting was I believe unacceptable particularly in front of the officers and other members.

Cllr Streingel suddenly declared that he would see the chair in the Leader's office with 'legal'. He told the chair that she was too political. I tried to intervene and asked him to sit down and discuss the matter but he then complained that I too was too 'political'. I reminded him that CLSC should be apolitical but he became increasingly angry. I asked him to calm down and told him he was embarrassing himself and that in his excited state he could have a heart attack. This culminated in Cllr Streingel offering to 'take me outside'. I asked him if he was threatening me and he said he wanted to see which one of us was the strongest. All of this exchange was witnessed by the full committee and the two officers present.

I am fairly confident that the next time I see Cllr Streingel we will be able to shake hands and not hold a grudge as this isn't the first time I have witnessed this type of aggressive and bullying behaviour from him. I do however think that his behaviour is becoming intolerable and difficult for the chair to manage. We are constantly 'walking on eggshells' with him. He did mention that he may stand down from the committee and that may indeed be the easiest way to resolve the matter to everyone's satisfaction.

Regards,

Bob Bushell

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