

Milly Southworth

From: Keiran Moon [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2024 20:25
To: Milly Southworth
Subject: Re: Question

Hi Milly,

Thank you for your response.

On the back of your answers, please could you tell me how the council intends to fix the inherent flaw in the standing orders which allows council members to be publicly humiliated / attacked in front of their peers and the public (without the right of reply)? The mayor has a duty of care to everyone employed or representing the council as a member, and yet the standing orders do not allow the mayor to protect staff and councillors from malicious or vexatious attacks by members of the public. This has serious employment implications for the council.

Also the mayor was prepared to stop me from asking a question publicly under the same standing orders on the night, so where is the consistency of approach?

The emotional damage done to Councillor Fellows on the night was clear for everyone in that room to see. It should never have been allowed to happen, but now that the council are aware of the damaging implications of allowing residents with a personal axe to grind an open stage in which to do so, will you now take actions to safeguard staff and councillors in the future?

Kindest Regards

Keiran Moon

- > On 23 Jul 2024, at 13:15, Milly Southworth <clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk> wrote:
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- > Good afternoon Keiran
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- > Thank you for your questions, which were considered at the Development and Localism Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th July 2024. At the July council meeting held last Thursday, it was resolved to reply to your questions accordingly and I have copied your questions and the answers here.
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- > Question 1 - Why, when the council has told Mrs Shripton many times over the past four years that they have no interest or power over Adela Road, was she given a public forum in which to embarrass and attack a fellow councillor and colleague?
- > The electorate (residents) have a right to speak in public forum, in advance of the council meeting commencing, the council is unable to censor those wishing to speak, Standing Orders 3e – 3f refers.
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- > Question 2 - Secondly was the mayor given advice by officers or fellow councillors not to allow this before the meeting took place, and if so what was the Mayors justification for his actions.
- > No.
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- > If you would like to see the minutes of the meeting, these are uploaded to the town council website here: <https://www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php#6>.
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- > Please do not hesitate to contact the council if you have any further queries.
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> Kind regards

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> Milly

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Keiran Moon <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: 27 June 2024 16:41

> To: Milly Southworth <admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk>

> Subject: Question

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> Good afternoon,

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> I hope you are well.

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> The question I wished to ask at the last full council meeting is:

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> Why, when the council has told Mrs Shripton many times over the past four years that they have no interest or power over Adela Road, was she given a public forum in which to embarrass and attack a fellow councillor and colleague? Secondly was the mayor given advice by officers or fellow councillors not to allow this before the meeting took place, and if so what was the Mayors justification for his actions.

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> Kindest Regards

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> Keiran Moon

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