

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY GOVERNORS (APPOINTMENTS)  
COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Clydach Vale on Wednesday, 9 December 2015 at 1.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

County Borough Councillor (Mrs) E.Hanagan – in the Chair

**County Borough Councillors**

W.J.David, M.Forey and R.Yeo

**Officer in Attendance**

Mrs J.Hadley – School Organisation Manager

**8 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillor S.Rees-Owen.

**9 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members had no interests to declare in matters pertaining to the agenda.

**10 MINUTES**

The Committee Members considered the minutes of the meeting of the L.E.A.Governors (Appointments) Committee held on 9 July 2015 and in doing so, were informed by County Borough Councillor W.J.David that he was resigning his position of Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, the Committee was requested to nominate a new Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2015-16 municipal year.

Following consideration of the matter, it was **RESOLVED –**

- (1)** To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the L.E.A.Governors (Appointments) Committee held on 9 July 2015.
- (2)** To note the resignation of County Borough Councillor W.J.David as Vice-Chair of the Committee.
- (3)** To nominate County Borough Councillor R.Yeo as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2015-16 municipal year.

## **11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 13 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act (as amended), namely, information relating to a particular individual. Transparency in the conduct of Local Authority business is desirable, however, personal data relating to the conduct and capabilities of individuals will be discussed and considered. Consequently, it is not considered the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs and the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING, CONTAINING EXEMPT INFORMATION**

(**Note:** It was agreed to consider the agenda out of sequence and as dealt with in the minutes set out hereunder)

## **12 CONDUCT – LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY GOVERNOR**

In his report, the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning informed the Committee of several complaints received by the Chair of Governors at Darranlas Primary School regarding the conduct of one of the School's Governors, Mr.X.

The written response of the Governor concerned to the complaints made against him was outlined in the report and Members were asked to consider whether they considered the LEA Governor in question had brought his office into disrepute by breaching the Governors' Code of Conduct.

Following deliberation, it was **RESOLVED** to agree that the conduct of Mr.X towards the Headteacher at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 breached the Governors' Code of Conduct and brought his position as a Governor into disrepute as the relevant sections of the Code state:

"In order to be effective and efficient, governors should:

- Ensure that their actions reflect the considered, best interests of the school;
- Maintain the position of critical friend towards those with professional responsibilities within the school;
- Respect the responsibility of the Headteacher for the day to day decisions arising from the management of the school and make clear distinctions between the responsibilities of the Headteacher and those of the governing body;
- Be open, honest, objective, fair and impartial and prepared to confront the personal prejudices that may hinder informed decision making"

and that he be removed from his position as an LEA Governor at Darranlas Primary School with immediate effect.

### 13 **APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY GOVERNORS**

In his report, the Director, Education & Lifelong Learning advised the Committee of applications received for Local Education Authority governorships.

In addition to the applications listed in the report, two late applications for governorships were circulated for consideration.

Following consideration of the applications before them, Members **RESOLVED** that the following persons be appointed as Local Education Authority Governors, as set out below:

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>GOVERNOR</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u></b>
Bodringallt Primary	Linda Ann Llewellyn	10 December 2015
Caegarw Primary	Karen Kingston	10 December 2015
Cwmlai Primary	Hendrik Haye	10 December 2015
Gelli Primary	Dilys Jouvenat	10 December 2015
Hafod Primary	Councillor Christopher Williams	20 January 2016
Hirwaun Primary	Colin Woodley	10 December 2015
Maerdy Community Primary	Councillor Keiron Montague	20 January 2016
Miskin Primary	Elizabeth Patricia Jones	10 December 2015
Penrhys Primary	Margaret Evans	10 December 2015
Penygawsi Primary	Victoria Burge	10 December 2015
Perthcelyn Community Primary	Alison Bowden	10 December 2015
Pontyclun Primary	Edwina Godwin	20 January 2016
Pontygwaith Primary	Hilary Kay Szigetvari	10 December 2015
Tonyrefail Primary	Susan Lewis	26 January 2016
Trehopcyn Primary	Jolene Leyshon	10 December 2015
YGG Bodringallt	Cherylin Pryor Rachel Gibbins	10 December 2015 10 December 2015
Ferndale Community	Thomas Evans	10 December 2015
Mountain Ash Comprehensive	Daniel Allen	10 December 2015
Porth County Community	Hilary Bowen	26 January 2016
Tonypandy Community College	Councillor Craig Middle Paul Atkins	10 December 2015 10 December 2015
Tonyrefail	Councillor Robert McDonald Collette Taylor	10 December 2015 10 December 2015
Treorchy Comprehensive	Ian Jenkins	10 December 2015
YG Y Cymer	Susanne Smith Councillor Margaret Tegg	10 December 2015 10 December 2015

**E.HANAGAN  
CHAIR**

The meeting terminated at 1.25 p.m.