

Broads Authority
Standards Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2009

Present:

Mr M Cook (In the Chair)
Mr C Gould
Ms R Varma

In Attendance:

Mr K R Hounsome – Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Mr J W Organ – Head of Administration and Executive Assistant

2/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Ayre, Mr Hancox, Mr Jones, and Mr Revell.

2/2 Matters of Urgent Business

There were no matters of urgent business.

2/3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2/4 Minutes of the Standards Committee Meeting on 7 October 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer reported that the Code of Corporate Governance was on the Broads Authority agenda for 20 November 2009.

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer had written to all members outlining the new procedures relating to dispensations.

Following comments received on the condensed version of the guidance on Personal and Prejudicial Interests, the Committee reviewed the extract from the Standards Board for England – Code of Conduct (Pocket Guide). It was

RESOLVED

that the guidance on Personal and Prejudicial Interests within the Standards Board for England – Code of Conduct (Pocket Guide) should be adopted by the Broads Authority and replicated in all future agenda papers of the Broads

Authority, Planning Committee, Navigation Committee and Standards Committee, immediately after the list of membership.

2/5 Public Question Time

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

2/6 Water Skiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel

The Head of Administration and Executive Assistant presented a report concerning the appointment of members to the Water Skiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel established by the Broads Authority Act.

At its meeting on 7 October 2009 the Standards Committee resolved that Mr Ayre, Mr Gould and Mr Jones be appointed to the interview panel for the two further members of the Appeals Panel. However, since two of these appointed members knew one of the applicants it was considered necessary to appoint a different interview panel to make these appointments.

It was also necessary to appoint one member from amongst the independent members of the Standards Committee to the Water Skiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel.

Training for all Appeals Panel members would also need to be arranged.

It was

RESOLVED

- (i) that Mr Cook, Mr Ayre and Mr Revell be appointed to the interview panel to be held on Wednesday 2 December 2009;
- (ii) that Mr Jones be appointed as the independent member of the Standards Committee to the Water Skiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel, with Mr Revell appointed as his nominated substitute; and
- (iii) that all independent members of the Standards Committee are invited to attend the training for the Water Skiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel members.

2/7 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 February 2010 at 2:00pm in Dragonfly House, 2 Gilders Way, Norwich.

The meeting concluded at 1:00pm

Chairman