

Mr. C. Fogden,
Chair,
Standards Committee,
Milton Keynes Council

9 September 2006

Dear Mr. Fogden,

**Determination of Allegations against Cllr Bowen-Williams
Member of the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council
14 September 2006**

I had hoped to attend this meeting of the Standards Committee as a witness for Cllr. Bowen-Williams, but I regret that I have a previous commitment with Milton Keynes Council on behalf of the people of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford that I must fulfil.

I ask if you would accept the contents of this letter as being what I would have wished to say to the committee on Cllr. Bowen-Williams' behalf. I have offered this support entirely of my own volition; it has not been solicited from me.

Cllr. Bowen-Williams is a dedicated member of the Town Council whose commitment to the people he represents and the enormous amount of hard work he undertakes to further the work of the Town Council, is recognised and appreciated by members of the Council and by members of the public and agencies with whom he comes into contact in the course of this work.

This was stated by members when the matter of his offence was discussed at the January meeting of the Full Council. Cllr. Bowen-Williams expressed remorse for his action and for any embarrassment he had caused the Town Council. Despite the fact that the meeting was prepared to take the matter under Part 2 of its proceedings, it was Cllr. Bowen-Williams' wish that it be heard in the public part of the meeting. He had no wish to attempt to "hide" behind this procedure. This stance was welcomed by the members, who accepted Cllr. Bowen-Williams straightforward and honest statement and apology. The members felt that he had been dealt with appropriately through legal system and determined that they wished for no further action to be taken against him.

Despite a sustained attack by a councillor, now no longer serving on the Town Council, who required that the members should take further, punitive action, the Council remained resolute in its determination.

I hope that your committee will find in favour of Cllr. Bowen-Williams, but in the event that you do determine that he has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and you wish to impose sanctions, I would ask that this would not impact on Cllr. Bowen-Williams' work with the Town Council and, very importantly, on his valuable work for the people of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. His absence would be a serious blow to a council representing an area requiring every advocate it can muster.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Jan Lloyd
Chair – Bletchley and Fenny Stratford