

Item 38 – Minutes of the meeting of the Monmouth Town Council held on 9th July 2007

An amendment was agreed, and the wording of the amended agreement was agreed as follows:

A member who fails to attend 2 consecutive meetings or fail to provide prior apologies of a particular committee without reasonable cause will be deemed to have failed to comply with the spirit of these Standing Orders and as a consequence will be named, verbally, as failing to attend at the next Full Council meeting. An opportunity to justify non attendance will be given as an item on the Full Council agenda. Acceptance of the stated justification will be indicated by a vote of members attending the Full Council meeting. If the justification is not accepted, or no justification is presented then the failing members name will be recorded in the Full Council meeting minutes as a matter of public record.

In proposing an alteration to the wording of this amendment, I seek merely to clarify the intention of Council in making this amendment. These alterations to the structure and wording of the first sentence would make the intention of Council more clear, prevent confusion and could prevent obfuscation on behalf of any member if the Council claims that that member is in breach of the spirit of this amendment.

I would therefore like to propose that Council considers the following alternative first sentence:

A member who, without reasonable cause, fails to attend, without providing prior apologies, two consecutive meetings of a particular committee will be deemed to have failed to comply with the spirit of these Standing Orders and will be verbally named at the next Full Council meeting as failing to attend that particular committee.