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From: Rosy Dickinson [<mailto:rosy.dickinson@nsw.gov.au>]
Sent: 14 April 2016 18:56
To: Docherty, Andrew
Subject: RE: Formal complaint of Councillor James Galvin's behaviour

Dear Andrew,

It is actually Mrs Dickinson. In answer to your enquiry,

1. On the site visit to Union Terrace on Wednesday March 9th, he swore at a member of the public, in front of me and covered his mouth and looked around guiltily. I do not feel that is becoming or acceptable for a councillor and more especially for the chairperson - particularly as my children were present.

My daughter Christabelle, 12, was present although I don't think she heard him and my husband Andrew saw him cover his mouth. There was another member of the public who noted it as he looked at him when he covered his mouth and smiled as he covered his mouth and said something under his breath which I couldn't hear. He was annoyed with the lorry driver who was driving and disturbing the site visit. I don't remember the exact words but he did swear.

1. At the site visit he was extremely aggressive towards the public and silenced, cajoled and bullied them. In fact this conversation happened with a member of the public, Mr Angus MacArthur who runs a shop in Gillygate:Angus MacArthur: Can you tell me how much longer the presentation will be as I have closed my shop to attend?Councillor Galvin: As long as it takes!Angus MacArthur: But you were 40 minutes late and we had to wait in the pouring rain...Councillor Galvin: Well we'd have been earlier if we'd had a helicopter ha ha ha To which Angus MacArthur walked off - upset and humiliated.

Angus MacArthur was present as were many of the councillors and myself and Liz Henley and many others

- he had the discussion publicly when the presentation was being given so it was totally public. It was rude and aggressive.

1. He then went on to say that we should deal with "the real world".

This was again heard by all, you can ask Michael Askew or Al Rycroft? I will circulate your request for further witnesses and ask them to send replies and evidence to yourself.

As a teacher I would not be allowed to speak to others in this way. It is unprofessional and rude. I expect him to be given a less public role in the future as he is a very poor public figure.

Thank you.

Rosy Dickinson

From: andrew.docherty@york.gov.uk

To: _____

Subject: RE: Formal complaint of Councillor James Galvin's behaviour

Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2016 15:32:33 +0000

Dear Ms. Dickinson,

Thank you for your e-mail which I am considering with the independent persons who advise the Council on standards matters.

Would you be able to elaborate for me on what you say in paragraphs 1 to 3 below. In particular could you let me know what was said, who else was present and may have heard and what were the circumstances in which this occurred.

Regards,

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From: Rosy Dickinson _____

Sent: 11 April 2016 21:51

To: monitoringofficer@york.gov.uk

Subject: Formal complaint of Councillor James Galvin's behaviour

Hi,

I would like to make a formal complaint about the behaviour of Councillor James Galvin as chairperson for the planning decision for the Groves chapel in York for the following reasons:-

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3. He then went on to say that we should deal with "the real world".
4. At the planning meeting, when I was giving my speech, I asked Councillor Galvin if he wouldn't tell me when there was 30 seconds left as I had a stopwatch and it would put me off and I was nervous. But... He ignored me and barked at me "30 seconds!", which made me flounder and was unprofessional.
5. He was dismissive - both verbally and through body language of Councillor Denise Craghill's questions - continually sighing and hurrying her up. He ignored her request to examine mitigations like bollards, a one way system or a variant on the parking system. This was never discussed.
6. He stated that he had interests in the decision to be made but he still made the casting vote. No matter what is said, this was biased, undemocratic and a disgusting abuse of power. I will be talking further to the press about this.
7. I would like Councillor Galvin to write to me in a public letter of apology and that he be removed from position as the chairperson. He is an embarrassment to York and to the council: I am not alone in thinking this. This was the worst abuse of power I have ever witnessed.

I look forward to your reply,

Rosy Dickinson

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