

**Re: Complaint- ref Councillor Sinclair**

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**From** [REDACTED]

**Date** Thu 19/09/2024 13:05

**To** LTC Clerk <clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk>

**Cc** Stephen Chowns <schowns@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk>; Elizabeth Harvey <eharvey@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk>; Ewen Sinclair <esinclair@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk>

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Dear Angela

Thank you for this information and for your speedy response.

Thank you for the link. I will be encouraging and supporting my brother to follow the complaints procedure.

I am so cross that yet again, another member of Ledbury Town Council has behaved unprofessionally against my brother and knowing full well of the history.

Absolutely uncalled for and not the first time Councillor Sinclair has behaved in a manner of what I would deem to be a breach of the code of conduct.

Thank you for the information.

Regards

Jonathan Thomas

On Thursday 19 September 2024 at 09:42:46 BST, LTC Clerk <clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Thomas

Thank you for your email, which I have forwarded to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for information and who I am including in this response.

I am attaching a copy of our Local Resolution Policy, which advises on what action Ledbury Town Council can take, if any, in respect of complaints from members of the public in relation to Council Members. As you will see from the text below which has been taken from the Local Resolution Policy complaints such as this should be directed to the Monitoring Officer at Herefordshire Council, which can be done at the following link. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council/get-involved/7>

**Complaints which will not be considered under this policy, but will be directed to the Monitoring Officer at Hereford Council:-**

- **Complaint instigated by a member of the public**
- **Serious complaints – breaches of the Code of Conduct, failure to disclose interests, bullying, abuse of position of trust or repeated breaches**
- **Complaints made by the Clerk**
- **Vexatious, malicious, or frivolous complaints**
- **Members' complaints about officers which should be dealt with using the Council's internal policies**
- **Repetitive low-level complaints**

**Currently there is no common process for Parish Councils to follow in dealing with minor complaints against Members other than referring the complaints to the Monitoring Officer at Hereford Council.**

I note from your email that your brother, David Thomas, will be calling into the council office today; I will provide him with a copy of the Local Resolution Policy and the link to Herefordshire Council's page on their website as per this email, where he can submit his complaint to the Monitoring Officer.

I hope that the above provides with sufficient information to take the complaint forward, should you or your brother wish to do so.

Regards

Angela Price PSLCC, MICCM, MIWFM

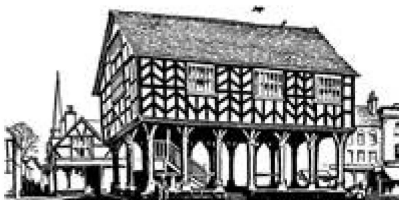
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**Sent:** 19 September 2024 09:14  
**To:** LTC Clerk <[clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Complaint- ref Councillor Sinclair  
**Importance:** High

Please see the email I have been sent below, for your attention.

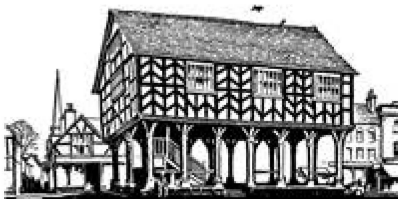
Many thanks,



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 19:55  
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**Subject:** Complaint- ref Councillor Sinclair

To Ledbury Town Council

As you may recall Ledbury Town Council did not support my brother's (David Thomas) fight to protect his home life and mental health against the ongoing nonsense that came from The Barn in Ledbury.

As is well documented this involved breaching of licence conditions, noise disturbance, intimidation and harassment and all without planning permission granted.

This all happened over a period of five years or so, eventually leading to my brother having to move this summer, for his own sanity.

Putting it simply, he was pushed out of his home of 20 years or so. Unsupported.

As a family we have supported him to move elsewhere.

The owner of The Barn continues to point my brother out to others when in public and is often seen sniggering and smiling sarcastically at my brother when passing. No doubt for him in celebration, as my brother has moved. This is something that my brother has to try to ignore.

Today, Councillor Bradford and Councillor Sinclair were outside my brother's work place [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They walked passed. Councillor Sinclair is a supporter of The Barn and is no doubt fully aware of the history with regards to The Barn's operation and the detrimental impact it has had on my brother over the years.

As they were walking Councillor Sindair looked at my brother who was outside of the shop and whilst smiling, turned to Councillor Bradford and said 'Oh let's go to The Barn for a drink tonight'. Again, in the presence of my brother.

Not only is this behaviour antagonistic, but it is pathetic, childish, irresponsible, not to mention unkind and not the sort of behaviour one would expect from a man in his position.

I am encouraging my brother to visit Ledbury Town Council tomorrow in person to report this incident and to seek advice on how he may respond.

If a member of the Council or if Councillor Sinclair wishes to discuss this matter further with me then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jonathan Thomas

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