
MINUTES of the COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 10.30am
Gate House, 1 Farringdon Street, London EC4M 7LG

- Present**
- Lord Edward Faulks (Chairman)
 - Richard Best
 - Nazir Afzal
 - Andrew Brennan
 - Lara Fielden
 - Janette Harkess
 - Helyn Mensah
 - Mark Payton
 - Andrew Pettie
 - Miranda Winram
 - Peter Wright
- In attendance:**
- Charlotte Dewar, Director of Operations
 - Michelle Kuhler, PA and minute taker
 - Holly Pick, Joint Head of Complaints
- Also present: Members of the Executive:**
- Katrina Bell
 - Rosemary Douce
 - Hanno Fenech
 - Alice Gould
 - Vikki Julian
 - Thomas Moseley
 - Sean Sutherland
- Observers:**
- Jonathan Grun, Editors' Code Committee
 - Ruth Sawtell, Board Member

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Hutton.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Update by the Chairman – oral

The Chairman began by welcoming Jonathan Grun and Ruth Sawtell to the meeting.

He updated the Committee on recent events, including his meetings with Lord Lipsey's group of members of the House of Lords, Lorna Fraser from the Samaritans, Rizwana Hamid from the Centre for Media Monitoring and his newspaper visits.

The Chairman informed the Committee that IPSO were currently in the final stages of recruiting two new Complaints Officers. He also updated the Committee on the recruitment for the Head of Standards and Regulation position.

6. Complaint 01679-17 Sharp v The Daily Record

The Committee discussed the complaint and ruled that the complaint should be upheld under Clause 1 (Accuracy). The decision will be finalised in correspondence.

7. Complaint 09539-19 A Woman v Hull Daily Mail

The Committee discussed the complaint and ruled that the complaint should be upheld under Clause 6 (Children). The decision will be finalised in correspondence.

8. Complaint 07156-19 Walters v express.co.uk

The Committee discussed the complaint and ruled that the complaint should be upheld under Clause 1 (Accuracy). The decision will be finalised in correspondence.

9. Complaints not adjudicated at a Complaints Committee meeting

The Committee confirmed its formal approval of the papers listed in **Appendix A**.

10. Consultation on the Editors' Code of Practice

The Committee discussed the consultation on the Editors' Code and agreed that it had no changes to suggest at this time.

11. Any other business

- (i) Tabled doc: Complaint 07867-19 The Transparency Project v Daily Express.

The Committee discussed the complaint and ruled that the complaint should be upheld under Clause 1 (Accuracy). Before finalising the exact terms of the decision it asked the Executive to give further consideration to one point of the complaint.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 21st April 2020.

The meeting ended at 1:17pm

APPENDIX A

Paper No.	File Number	Name v Publication
1799	04817-19	Wilson v The Sunday Times
1801	06272-19	Shadforth v The Sunday Times
1822	06303-19	Hoy v Wisbech Standard
1806	06319-19	Docherty v Evening Times
1832	06470-19	Thompson v Sunday Life
1846	07037-19	Foley v Mail Online
1853	09224-19	Laws v Daily Star