

Subject Member Response

The YouTube video shows the exact sequence of events so should be seen in the whole not just the event itself.

From my perspective neither the leader or Cllr Steve Ardagh-Walter has allowed any possibility of actual debate during the exec meeting.

The constitution is arranged in such a way as to actively avoid debate.

Whilst it is correct that I interrupted Cllr Ardagh-Walter, it is also correct that there is no mechanism by which what an exec member is saying can be challenged

I believe Cllr Doherty was far too aggressive with the Gavel meaning the situation was exacerbated not calmed. I also contend that by any measure the leader was far too aggressive with her demand for me to leave the chamber.

This is especially so, given that on the one hand the leader chose to use the constitution as a way of stopping debate, and on the other to ignore the constitution when asking me to leave.

As for a comment made about having lost respect for the position of leader this is not the case. My comment was made direct to Cllr Doherty because of her personal choice of actions. The loss of respect is for her as a person not for the position of leader. More importantly the comment was after she had closed the meeting unless my recall is incorrect?

My own complaint against her is specifically because she chose not to follow correct process and so effectively denied my rights as an elected Cllr to continue to scrutinize executive decision being made in this in the public forum.

I see this whole thing as more of a failure of the Leader to show good judgement than anything specific to do with me not having respect for the position of leader.