

Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Supplemental Statement of Ivan Kingsley

This statement consists of 3 pages and one exhibit of 2 pages. I have personally experienced, seen or observed the matters which I describe in my statement, or otherwise I cite the sources from which I have come to know about them. I believe the facts in my statement to be true. I am aware that the contents of this statement may be made public.

1. This statement is to be read in conjunction with the letter to the Bishop of London dated **30 July 2018**, which I and other residents and workers, officers of community groups and local people from the City of London Ward of Portsoken, signed concerning the behaviour of Mr William Campbell-Taylor, and the said document is on the record of this CDM complaint.
2. I am a retired trader and have been a resident in the City of London Ward of Portsoken for the last twenty-seven years. I was until recently Honorary Secretary of Portsoken Ward Club, and have held that office since 1998, and was Master of the Ward Club in 2000.
3. I have known [REDACTED] since 2014, and know her to be a friendly and likeable person who has done a lot of work for our community. Despite her disabilities and vulnerabilities, she is fearless and bold in speaking the truth and has her own clear opinions, and I have confidence that she will continue to do.
4. I have known Mr William Campbell-Taylor since he came into our Ward and at different times, stood for election and was defeated, and on other occasions won the election. My colleague, Nicolas Cressey, drew up and compiled a letter and collected signatures from local residents, workers and community representatives, which I sent to the Bishop of London on **30 July 2018**. The letter, which is on the record of this CDM complaint, expressed concern about gross misconduct by Mr William Campbell-Taylor over many years which we have witnessed. I also want to clarify very strongly that the letter to the Bishop of London was not issued by Portsoken Ward Club, but was signed by local people who are residents and associated over years with the Ward of Portsoken. Portsoken Ward Club is also not a political organisation, and Mr William Campbell-Taylor cannot continue to pretend that he was somehow representing the Labour Party against Portsoken Ward Club in City elections, and that the concerns that have been raised about his morals and behaviour by people of all political persuasions are somehow a local party political issue.
5. I have a lot to say on what I have observed of Mr Campbell-Taylor's behaviour his being an individual who would come into our community habitually wearing a dog-collar even though he holds no pastoral office in any local church, and I would appreciate expressing myself directly to the Designated Officer of the Church of England and the President of Tribunals as a witness in this complex history.

6. Just on the one aspect of Mr Campbell-Taylor's capacity of dishonesty, lying and public misrepresentation, I refer the Tribunal to the video of the Election Wardmote, or hustings, on **19 March 2014**. This can be viewed on YouTube here:

<https://tinyurl.com/portsoken>

The candidate speeches, including that of Mr Campbell-Taylor begin at **03:00 minutes** into the video. At **29:19 minutes** into the video, I and other local residents challenge Mr Campbell-Taylor about some of the false claims he made during the Election, such as his claim that he had persuaded the City of London Corporation to complete repairs to the Estates in the Ward, when these had been achieved by other Councilmen. While it is perhaps the case that the public have come to expect secular politicians to lie openly in order to gain power, I would ask the Church of England authorities if this is behaviour that is becoming and appropriate for a vicar.

7. As the Secretary of Portsoken Ward Club, I directly witnessed the behaviour of Mr William Campbell-Taylor when in 2016 he attempted to impose himself on the Ward Club, and manipulate the legal system to bully out one of our existing Officers. There is extensive documentary evidence for the events in this case, and I believe this will be the subject of a separate complaint under the Clergy Discipline Measure. However, I am providing as an exhibit the letter of complaint to the Chairman of the City of London Standards Committee dated **21 June 2016** written by the President, Master and Committee of Portsoken Ward Club, which was drafted by the Committee (explicitly excluding [REDACTED] from the drafting).

8. I also wish to correct any false impression given that Portsoken Ward Club continued to support or condone the "Community Play" or "Aldgate Community Events" after Ms Jacquie Campbell admitted Mr William Campbell-Taylor into the project, and in due course forced out [REDACTED] who had been the representative of Portsoken Ward Club in the project for the previous eighteen months before, and had spoken out about the failings of the project. After this happened the Committee of the Ward Club terminated all collaboration with that project. The Community Play/Aldgate Community Events project has participation from very few local residents in Portsoken, despite the large amounts of public money that have been spent on it for limited benefit to our people. I can also comment personally as a longstanding resident, that in years gone by the senior City of London Officers used to understand and were with our community and its needs rather than driven by personal ambition, but sadly things have changed.

9. We are close and tight community, and we are most aware how over years Mr Campbell-Taylor has either himself bullied opponents, or used others, like his "case worker", Bryn Phillips, who was convicted for violence, to threaten local people. I was present when the allegations of bullying and harassment of local people by Mr Campbell-Taylor's campaign team during the 2017 Aldermanic Election were raised and discussed during the Election Wardmote in December, and Ms [REDACTED] challenged Mr Campbell-Taylor about his behaviour in public. I am fearful for the safety and well-being of my neighbours and

community, because yet again the Bishop of Stepney would grant permission to Mr Campbell-Taylor to stand as a candidate at the next election in Portsoken. This cannot be allowed to happen again.

10. I am appalled that the Church of England has allowed this man to continue to represent it as an ordained member of the clergy and victimise others, and I would ask how many more people need to get hurt because of this collusion with someone who has done so much damage to the lives of others.

Ivan Kingsley



Date:

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