

Standards Committee

Tuesday, 21 January 2020

PRESENT: M.A. Morgan (Chair);

Independent Members:

D. Evans, J. James and A. Williams;

Councillors:

S.J.G. Gilasbey, R. James and G.B. Thomas;

The following Officers were in attendance:

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen: 10.00 am - 11.20 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mary Dodd.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES - 6TH DECEMBER, 2019

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December, 2019 be signed as a correct record.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR ANNE CARYS JONES

The Committee considered an application submitted by County Councillor Carys Jones for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations only in respect of business relating to parking on the Green at Llansteffan.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Jones had a personal interest in this matter by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(vi) of the Members Code of Conduct in that she and her family lived directly opposite the area of land in question.

Councillor Jones' interest was also prejudicial in that a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Jones had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Carys Jones to SPEAK AND MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ONLY on any council business relating to parking on the Green at Llansteffan and the dispensation be valid until the end of the current electoral term.

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARD THOMAS

The Committee considered an application submitted by County Councillor Edward Thomas for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak at meetings of Llandeilo Fawr Town Council in respect of any council business relating to the awarding of grants from the Town Council to the Llandeilo and District Sports Association.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Thomas had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(a)(ix)(ee) of the Members Code of Conduct in that he was Chairman of the Llandeilo and District Sports Association.

Councillor Thomas' interest was also prejudicial in that a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Thomas had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Edward Thomas to SPEAK ONLY at meetings of Llandeilo Fawr Town Council on any council business relating to the awarding of grants by the Town Council to the Llandeilo and District Sports Association, and the dispensation be valid until the end of the current electoral term.

6. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by County Councillor Ken Lloyd for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations only in respect of council business relating to, or likely to affect, Carmarthenshire Energy Limited, which was a community benefit society operating in the County.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in this matter by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(b)(v) of the Members Code of Conduct in that he and close personal associates of his were members of and held shares in that organisation.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial in that a member of the public, with full knowledge of the facts, would reasonably regard that interest as being so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.

Councillor Lloyd had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to SPEAK ONLY on general environment matters but not matters specifically relating to Carmarthenshire Energy Limited until the meeting of the Standards Committee in September 2020.

7. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

CHAIR

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