

**APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
FOR DISPENSATION**

Please note that each section MUST be completed. Please refer to the attached
Guidance Notes when completing the form.

1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: Councillor Ken Lloyd

Name of your Council: Carmarthenshire County Council & Carmarthen Town Council

Your address and postcode: c/o County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address:

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Any matter relating to Amnesty International

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am a member of Amnesty International

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during the remainder of my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: ☐

Speak and vote: x ☐

Make written
Representations x ☐

Exercise Executive
Powers ☐

3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION

Regulations issued by the National Assembly for Wales prescribe the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. These grounds for granting a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	☐
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;	☐
• my participation would not damage public confidence	x ☐
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	☐
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	☐
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	☐
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	☐
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	☐

4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case:

(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)

The Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign is a limited company, which has been a registered charity since 2004 (charity number 1106881).

The charitable objectives are:

- a) To address economic disadvantage in Nicaragua through the channelling of material and moral support to partner organisations and communities and the sharing of solidarity with these organisations and communities.
- b) To educate the public in the UK on the social and economic issues affecting Nicaragua.

Founded in 1978 the Campaign is made up of over 400 individual members throughout the UK. In addition, Wales NSC and 13 other local organisations with twinning links and projects in Nicaragua are also affiliated to NSC.

Funding comes from affiliations, donations, sales, raffles, appeals, sponsored events, film shows and other activities.

Although I have been a member for many years I do not attend meetings at a national or local level, nor do I participate in any promotional or fund-raising activities. I provide NSC with a small monthly donation.

I do not believe that, in the event of any Council business relating to or being likely to affect this organisation that my participation would damage public confidence in the conduct of that business. It is in all our interests that the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration are protected and promoted.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

Signed: Cllr Ken Llovd

Date: 08/01/2019

Please return this form to the Monitoring Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.

Guidance notes

- (1) Please read through the Code of Conduct and decide which of the paragraphs is most appropriate to your case. Brief details of the relevant paragraphs are noted in the table below. If you are unsure, please contact the Monitoring Officer for advice.

Para.	Type of personal interest	
10(2)(a)	Council business which relates to or is likely to affect: • your employment or business, • your employer, firm or company • a contract made between the Council and you • any land, lease or licence in which you have an interest • a public body or other association in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management	
10(2)(c)	Council business which affects your well-being or financial position, or the well-being, financial position or other interests of a person with whom you live or have a close personal association	
13	Council business which is being considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and which relates to a decision of the Cabinet or another Committee of which you were a member at the time [County Council only]	

- (2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001(as amended) state that a Standards Committee may grant dispensations where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (d) the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;
- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (h) the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or

- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.
- (j) It is considered appropriate in all the circumstances to do so where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a persons disability