

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

APPLICATION for a dispensation under Section 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Carmarthenshire County Council Standards Committee are requested to grant the Member/s listed below a Dispensation to cover the interest/s declared in Section 2 below. My reasons for requesting same are set out in Section 4

SECTION 1	Name(s) of Member(s)	Name of member's authority
	Jonathan Francis Gwynfryn-Evans	Ammanford Town Council (ATC)

SECTION 2	Matter to be discussed on which member seeks dispensation
	Support for organisations including the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership Ltd, involved with promoting Ammanford and co-ordinating events within the town.
Date of meeting at which the matter is to be discussed:	Any Ammanford Town Council Meetings over the next 6 month period.

Dispensation being sought to speak and vote	X
Dispensation being sought to speak only	

SECTION 3	The interest which the member must disclose, and the nature of that interest in relation to the matter to be discussed
	Association through friendship with Mr Alex Smith (Deputy Mayor) of Ammanford Town Council and his partner Ms Fiona Wilkins (Director of Ammanford Enterprise Partnership).

SECTION 4	Criteria for seeking dispensation	
~	50% of members affected	
~	Political balance would be affected (county borough only)	
~	No damage to public confidence	x
~	Common interest with general public	
~	Justified because of special expertise	x
~	Scrutiny committee business <u>and</u> not financial interest	
~	Voluntary organisation <u>and</u> not financial interest	x
~	In the interests of inhabitants	x
<i>(See appendix for more details)</i>		

SECTION 5	Reason/s in support of my/our application (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)
<p>As a town council member I believe it is my duty to support all initiatives that aim to benefit and positively promote the town. I recognise that I must remain impartial regarding all the decisions I make, as I do so as a representative of the community. I have participated in many events over the last year as a volunteer helper and as a town council member involving numerous organisations, providing physical labour, transportation and intellectual support. Some of these have received funding either by donation or through partnership with the ATC, CCC and ATAT (Ammanford On Track Action Team).</p> <p>However at Town Council Meetings it has been suggested that due to my association with Mr Smith and Ms Wilkins, that I should not be able to speak or vote in relation to events with which the AEP is associated. I have participated meetings associated with the AEP, ATAT, the Ammanford Chamber of Trade and Bro Menter to establish how members of the community might support their to hold events in the community and to try to identify other promotional activities in which the organisations might get involved. As the AEP is a not-for profit company, I can see no reason that might suggest I have anything to gain personally from my association with Mr Smith and Ms Wilkins. I might gain recognition as someone who is active within the community and wants positive things to happen in Ammanford, but I consider this to be the purpose of being a councillor. I am prepared to get my hands dirty by mucking in to set up and clear away the equipment necessary for any event. This has given me insight into just how much effort and hard work is put in by other volunteers and of course, any members of the AEP.</p> <p>I attend meetings associated with a whole manner of organisations involved in Ammanford's promotion. As such I believe that I am fairly well informed and can provide details to my ATC colleagues concerning associated questions that might arise. My support toward AEP events over the last year simply relates to the fact that this organisation's purpose is to promote Ammanford and it seems that it is by far the most active organisation within the community.</p>	

SIGNED _____ (Member of Town Council)

DATED: ___06/10/2015_____

APPENDIX

Circumstances when a standards committee may grant dispensations

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 specify that a standards committee of a relevant authority may grant dispensations under Section 81 of the Act where:

- a. no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as they 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 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 a 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 7 days in such manner as it may specify.

CYNGOR SIR CAERFYRDDIN

PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

CAIS am ganiatáu gollyngiad yn unol ag Adran 2(i) o Reoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Caniatáu Gollyngiadau) (Cymru) 2001

Gofynnir i Bwyllgor Safonau Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin ganiatáu Gollyngiad i'r Aelod(au) a restrir isod i gwmpasu'r buddiant / buddiannau a ddatganwyd yn Adran 2 isod. Mae fy / ein rhesymau dros gyflwyno cais am hynny wedi eu nodi yn Adran 4

ADRAN 1	Enw(au)'r Aelod(au)	Enw awdurdod yr aelod(au)

ADRAN 2	Y mater sydd i'w drafod y mae'r aelod yn gofyn am ollyngiad yn ei gylch
Dyddiad y cyfarfod pryd y trafodir y mater:	

ADRAN 3	Y buddiant y mae'n rhaid i'r aelod ei ddatgelu, a beth yw'r berthynas rhwng y buddiant hwnnw a'r mater sydd i'w drafod

ADRAN 4	Y meini prawf dros ofyn am ollyngiad
~ Byddai'n effeithio ar 50% o'r aelodau	
~ Byddai'n effeithio ar y cydbwysedd gwleidyddol (bwrdeistrefi sirol yn unig)	
~ Ni fyddai'n amharu ar hyder y cyhoedd	
~ Byddai'r buddiant yn gyffredin i'r cyhoedd yn gyffredinol	
~ Byddai modd cyfiawnhau hynny ar sail sgiliau arbenigol	
~ Byddai'n fater i bwyllgor craffu, <u>ac</u> ni fyddai'n ymwneud â buddiant ariannol	
~ Byddai a wnelo'r mater â chorff gwirfoddol, <u>ac</u> ni fyddai'n ymwneud â buddiant ariannol	
~ Byddai er budd y trigolion	
<i>(gweler yr atodiad i gael rhagor o fanylion)</i>	

ADRAN 5	Y rhesymau dros gyflwyno fy / ein cais (defnyddier dalen arall lle bo angen)

LLOFNODWYD: _____ (Aelod o Gyngor Sir Caerfyrddin)

DYDDIAD: