

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
Please see attached schedule A		Cyngor Cymuned Gorslas Community Council

SECTION 2	Matter to be discussed on which member seeks dispensation	
<p>1.0 Welfare Committees.</p> <p>1.1 The Community Council is the owner of parks at Gorslas, Drefach and Cefneithin and makes strategic and operational decisions relating to both the provision in general or at an individual park.</p> <p>1.2 There are Welfare Associations in each of those communities who have a role in the running of the park in their particular area.</p> <p>1.3 Each Community Councillor is also a member of the Welfare Association for the area in which their electoral Ward falls.</p> <p>1.4 The Community Councillors do not have a direct personal or financial interest in any of the three Welfare Associations.</p> <p>1.5 Dispensation is sought to allow Community Councillors, to speak and vote at meetings of the Community Council on matters related to any of the three parks, including the park for which they are also members of the Welfare Association.</p>		
Date of meeting at which the matter is to be discussed:	Park matters are discussed at each meeting of the Council.	

Dispensation being sought to speak and vote	Yes
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
Discussion and decisions by the Community Council relating to strategic, operational and financial aspects of the management of each of the three parks.	

SECTION 4**Criteria for seeking dispensation**

- ~ 50% of members affected (100%)
- ~ Political balance would be affected (county borough only)
- ~ No damage to public confidence
- ~ Common interest with general public
- ~ Justified because of special expertise
- ~ Scrutiny committee business and not financial interest
- ~ Voluntary organisation and not financial interest
- ~ In the interests of inhabitants

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(See appendix for more details)

SECTION 5**Reason/s in support of my/our application (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)**

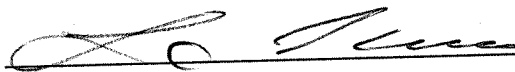
The parks represent a significant area of service provision and engagement with the community for the Community Council.

With each of the Community Councillors serving on one of the Welfare Associations in the area the arrangement facilitates the pooling and sharing of experiences and resources as well as providing opportunities for service development and growth.

The arrangement has worked well over a significant number of years and has been a positive development for the Council and the areas which it serves.

Without such an arrangement Community Councillors would have to withdraw from membership of the relevant Welfare Association and a significant link with the Community would be lost as would be the sharing and pooling of the knowledge and resources members have developed over a number of years. Changing the arrangement would provide a poorer service for each community.

Members are anxious therefore that the arrangement continue.

SIGNED


Clerk To Community Council

DATED:

15/02/16

Appendix A GORSLAS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cefneithin

Simon David Martin,
Terry Jones,
Huw Davies,
Brian Kirby,
Cllr Darren Price,

Drefach

Dewi Wyn Edwards,
Clive Green,
Anthony Rees,
Tina Jukes,
Nia Lewis,

Gorslas

Terrence Davies,
Aled Owen,
Janice Ann Price,
Ellis Davies,
Gavin Griffiths,