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FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2020

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **2.00 PM, ON MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 2020** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP: 9 MEMBERS

Independent Members (5)

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| 1. | Mrs Mary Dodd | Vice-Chair of the Committee |
| 2. | Mrs Daphne Evans | |
| 3. | Mrs Julie James | |
| 4. | Mr M. Andre Morgan | Chair of the Committee |
| 5. | Mr Alun Williams | |

Community Committee Member (1)

1. **Town Councillor Philip Rogers**

Elected Members of the County Council (3)

1. **Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey**
2. **Councillor Rob James**
3. **Councillor Gareth Thomas**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
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Standards Committee

Monday, 14 September 2020

PRESENT: M.A. Morgan (Chair)

Independent Members:

M. Dodd, D. Evans, J. James and A. Williams

Community Member:-

Town Councillor P. Rogers

Councillors:

S.J.G. Gilasbey and R. James

The following Officers were in attendance:

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator

J. Corner, Technical Officer

E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - . - 10.00 - 10.50 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

Member	Item Number	Nature of Interest
Mrs. J James	6 – Adjudication Panel Decision.	Served on the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority with Cllr Roderick and Ms Doel for a period, but no close personal association involved. (Note – the Monitoring Officer concluded that this was not of personal interest).
Cllr. R. James	6 – Adjudication Panel Decision.	Cllr. Shotton is personally known to Cllr. James. Personal and prejudicial interest declared

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 14TH FEBRUARY, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on the 14th February, 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR DOROTHY JONES.

The Committee considered an application submitted by County Councillor Dorothy Jones for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and vote on matters relating to the provision of home to school transport in the County of Carmarthenshire, in particular proceedings of the School Transport Review Advisory Panel established by the Executive Board to look into this issue which Cllr. Jones had been appointed to serve on.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Jones had a personal interest in this matter by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(b)(i) of the Members Code of Conduct in that she was the parent of school age children living in the County.

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.

The Committee noted that Cllr. Jones had been granted a dispensation in respect of this interest on the 14th February 2020 but had not yet had the opportunity to make use of it.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) and (f) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Dorothy Jones to **SPEAK AND VOTE** on any council business relating to home to school transport in the County of Carmarthenshire and the dispensation be valid until the end of her current term of office.

5. 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)(a) (ix)(bb) and (ee) and

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 previously been granted a dispensation in respect of this interest on the 21st January 2020 which he had used in order to speak in meetings of the Full Council on issues such as climate change.

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 AND MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ONLY on general environment matters but not matters specifically relating to Carmarthenshire Energy Limited and that the dispensation be valid until the end of his current term in office.

6. ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISIONS

[NOTE:

1. Mrs J. James had earlier declared an interest in this item however it was concluded by the Monitoring Officer not to be of personal interest.
2. Councillor R. James, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the meeting and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered a report recently published by the Adjudication Panel for Wales detailing its findings in the cases of County Councillor Roderick of Powys County Council and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and County Councillor Shotton of Flintshire County Council .

The matters had been referred to the Panel by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales as a result of complaints received.

Councillor Roderick was found to have failed to have shown consideration and respect to a female Councillor and brought his office into disrepute and also to have attempted to use his position improperly to confer an advantage to himself or a disadvantage to another. Councillor Roderick was suspended from both authorities for 4 months.

Councillor Shotton was found to have used his position improperly to confer an advantage to another person and to have brought his authority into disrepute by encouraging that person (an employee of the council) to behave inappropriately during office hours. Councillor Shotton was suspended from office for 3 months.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK

The Committee considered the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales' latest issue of the 'Code of Conduct' Casebook, published in January 2020, detailing summaries of 2 code investigations undertaken relating to members of County and Community Councils. None of the cases related to councillors from Carmarthenshire.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

8. OMBUDSMANS ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales' Annual Report for 2019/20 incorporating the Statement of Accounts and providing information on both maladministration and Code of Conduct cases dealt with by his office during the period of the report.

The Committee noted that the key points from the report detailed:

- A total of 231 code complaints had been received during the reporting period representing a reduction of 18% on the previous year,
- A reduction in the number of cases referred to the Adjudication Panel for Wales from 4 to 1,
- A reduction in the percentage of code complaints closed (23.7% less than in previous year,
- Most code complaints are closed at an early stage.

Reference was made to the benefit from training or refresher training and that many members of Town and Community Councils often do not take up opportunities offered to them to receive training. The Committee was asked to note that due to Covid, training had not been provided this year and that training material had been circulated.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

There were no items of urgent business.

CHAIR

DATE

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 14/12/20

STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To note the report prior to its presentation to Full Council

Reasons:

The committee is under a legal obligation to provide an annual report

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Exec. Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. Emlyn Dole – Leader of the Council

Directorate: Chief Executives

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Linda Rees-Jones

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE
14/12/20

STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Standards Committee is obliged to present an annual report to Full Council setting out its activities during the preceding municipal year. Attached is the report for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

The report addresses the following

1. Code of Conduct Complaints
2. Dispensations granted
3. Code of Conduct training
4. Whistle blowing

Members are asked to approve the report which can then be presented to Full Council in early 2021.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A
2. Local Member(s) - N/A
3. Community / Town Council – N/A
4. Relevant Partners - N/A
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED
NO

N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services File	DPSC-183	County Hall, Carmarthen

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

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9. Other Activities
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INTRODUCTION

The law requires every County and County Borough Council in Wales to establish and maintain a Standards Committee. Such committees are responsible for overseeing standards of conduct for elected members of both the principal council and the constituent community and town councils within the principal council's area.

The Committee receives and determines applications for dispensation from elected members in relation to the Code of Conduct and adjudicates upon code complaints referred to the Council by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. However, it should be noted that only rarely has the Committee been requested to undertake this latter function.

The Committee also receives reports in relation to the operation of the Council's whistle-blowing policy.

1. PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT

This report covers the activities of the Standards Committee during the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The role and functions of the committee as set out in the constitution of the Council are:

- To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by councillors and co-opted members
- To assist councillors and co-opted members to observe the Members' Code of conduct
- To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct
- To monitor operation of the Members' Code of Conduct
- To advise, or arrange training for councillors and co-opted members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct
- To grant dispensations to councillors and co-opted members where they have a personal and prejudicial interest under the Members' Code of Conduct
- To deal with reports from the Adjudication Panel for Wales and reports from the Monitoring Officer or the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
- The exercise of the above functions in relation to Town and Community Councils in the county
- To receive annual reports on the operation of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Panel consists of 9 members, 3 County councillors, 1 Community councillor and 5 co-opted members.

There have been no changes to the co-opted members of the committee during the year. They are.

Mr. Andre Morgan (Chair)

Mrs. Mary Dodd (Vice-chair)

Mrs. Daphne Evans

Mrs. Julie James

Mr. Alun Williams

There have been no changes to the Community council member of the committee. He is: Councillor Philip Rogers (St. Clears Town Council)

There have been no changes to the County Councillor membership of the committee during the year. The current members are:

Councillor. Jeanette Gilasbey

Councillor. Gareth Thomas

Councillor. Rob James

4. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

The Committee was not required to adjudicate upon any Code of Conduct complaints during the period of this report.

Formal complaints about councillors who are suspected of breaching the Code of Conduct are referred directly to the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales without involving the Standards Committee. Most complaints are resolved by the Ombudsman but occasionally the Ombudsman may require the Committee to investigate and adjudicate on a complaint.

In 2019-20 however, the Ombudsman did not refer any complaints to the Committee, nor were any matters referred to the Adjudication Panel for Wales in respect of Councillors from Carmarthenshire.

During the period covered by this report the Ombudsman considered and closed a total of 8 code of conduct complaints against councillors from Carmarthenshire. Four of these cases related to County Councillors and four to Town and Community Councillors.

It should be noted however that in all these cases the Ombudsman either closed his investigation after initial consideration or found no action was necessary.

Therefore the committee is satisfied that the vast majority of councillors do comply with the code and that where allegations of breach are made they are either unfounded or are not considered by the Ombudsman to be sufficiently serious to warrant enforcement action.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

The Committee considered 13 applications for dispensation from County and Community and Town Councillors during the year, all but one of which were either granted or partly granted.

In addition, the Committee gave the Council's Monitoring Officer delegated authority to grant dispensations to County Councillors in respect of their interests in the Dyfed Pension Fund, to enable them to participate in debates relating to the nature of the fund investments. A further 12 dispensations were granted under that delegated authority.

The grounds upon which the Committee may grant a dispensation are set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee continues to approach each application with a presumption in favour of granting a dispensation wherever practicable, particularly in relation to granting a dispensation to speak.

Details of the applications that have been dealt with can be viewed as part of the minutes of the meetings of the Committee which are accessible on Carmarthenshire County Council's website www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk.

A comparison between the numbers of dispensation applications received since 2015/2016 shows the following:

YEAR	TOTAL	CCC	T/CC	GRANTED*	REFUSED	OTHER
2015/16	65	5	60	62	3	N/A
2016/17	21	4	17	18	3	N/A
2017/18	31	7	24	31	0	N/A
2018/19	55	42	13	52	3	N/A
2019/2020	25	19	6	24	1	N/A

* either granted or partly granted

6. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Code of Conduct training sessions for Town and Community Councillors were held in Carmarthen on the 10th and 16th July 2019. A total of 94 people attended, representing 43 different Councils. This represents a slight increase in the number of attendees and a significant increase in the number of Councils compared to the previous year.

In addition, code training was separately provided to the members of one other council by legal officers of the authority.

7. WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

The Committee has oversight of the authority's Whistleblowing Policy. The process is regulated by the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998, which protects against dismissal and other detriment for workers who disclose information in the public interest in prescribed circumstances to prescribed persons.

Details of the complaints dealt with during the period of this report are set out below.

New Complaints	Complaints carried over from 2018/19	Cases Concluded	Cases Continuing
6	7	2	11*

- 5 of these cases were concluded in the first half of 2020/2021

The number of complaints continues to be consistent with those received by other local authorities.

When considering the number of complaints made under the policy, it is necessary to keep in mind that there is often some overlap with matters relating to grievance, disciplinary matters and dignity at work. This can significantly impact upon the time it takes to bring these matters to conclusion.

The Committee reviewed the Whistleblowing Policy during the period covered by this report and made changes which reflected the experience of its operation during the year.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE BY TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The committee again received a report regarding the extent to which Town and Community Councils within the County are complying with the Code of Conduct. The report contained data relating to:

- Code complaints
- Dispensation requests
- Declaration of interests
- Code Training

Again, no pattern could be discerned from the data, although it was pleasing to note that a larger number of Councils responded than in previous years. It remains of concern however that a small minority of Councils have consistently failed to provide data and engage with the Committee over several years and the Committee will look to focus its attention on those Councils moving forward.

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the above activities the Committee also:

- Received and considered the Annual Report of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
- Received and considered case decisions of the Adjudication Panel for Wales
- Received and considered case decisions made by other Standards Committees in Wales
- Received and considered the Code of Conduct casebook published by the Ombudsman

Where appropriate the Committee has identified points of learning and best practice and has taken them into account in their own decision making and included them in the training referred to in paragraph 5 above.

10. CONCLUSION

The committee had a busy year and we are grateful for the help and support given to us by the council's legal department. We have been much encouraged by the generally good levels of compliance with the Code of Conduct exhibited by Councillors across the County and very much hope this will continue.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 14/12/20

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY CLLR J GILASBEY		
Recommendations / key decisions required: To consider and determine the application		
Reasons: The committee has a statutory role to consider and determine such applications.		
Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA		
Exec. Board Decision Required	NO	
Council Decision Required	NO	
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Emlyn Dole – Leader of the Council		
Directorate: Chief Executives Name of Head of Service: Linda Rees-Jones Report Author: Robert Edgecombe	Designations: Head of Administration and Law Legal Services Manager	Email addresses: rjedgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk 01267 224018

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
14/12/20

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY CLLR J GILASBEY

An application for dispensation has been received from Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey, of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council to speak and make written representations in respect of the following personal and prejudicial interests

1. St Mary's Church Kidwelly – Cllr Gilasbey is a member and trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.
2. Kidwelly RFC – Cllr. Gilasbey is a member, secretary and director of Kidwelly RFC
3. Kidwelly Museum – Cllr. Gilasbey is a trustee of Kidwelly Industrial Museum and trust

Cllr. Gilasbey was previously granted dispensation in respect of these interests in January 2019. These dispensations are due to expire shortly

Since January 2019 Cllr Gilasbey has used her dispensation in respect of Kidwelly RFC twice and Kidwelly Museum once.

Cllr Gilasbey asks that these dispensations be renewed until the end of her current term of office on the grounds that her participation in any council business relating to or likely to affect those organisations will not damage public confidence.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

- 1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A**
- 2. Local Member(s) - N/A**
- 3. Community / Town Council – N/A**
- 4. Relevant Partners - N/A**
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A**

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED
NO

N/A

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**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 Jeanette Gilasbey

Name of your Council: Kidwelly Town Council and Carmarthenshire County Council

Your address and postcode: Hillfield Villas Kidwelly. SA17 4UL

Contact telephone number(s): 01554890203

Email address: c/o townclerk@kidwelly.gov.uk

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Matters relating to St Mary's Church Kidwelly, Kidwelly RFC and Kidwelly Museum

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am involved with these organisations, details of which are set out in Section 4 of this application

When will the above matter be considered?

At various time during the remainder of my term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
• 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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

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)

In January 2019 the Standards committee kindly granted me dispensations in respect of these interests. I attach the minutes of that meeting for information purposes. These dispensations will shortly expire, and I would like them to be renewed until the end of my current term of office.

In summary my application relates to the following personal interests

1. St Mary's Church Kidwelly

I am a member and trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

2. Kidwelly RFC

I am a member, secretary and director of Kidwelly RFC

3. Kidwelly Museum

I am a trustee of Kidwelly Industrial Museum and trust

Since January 2019 I have used my dispensations to speak in respect of Kidwelly RFC on 2 occasions and Kidwelly Museum on one occasion. On each occasion this was at meetings of Kidwelly Town Council when it considered applications for financial assistance from these organisations. I have not yet used my dispensation in respect of St Mary's Church, Kidwelly.

I ask that these dispensations be renewed until the end of my current term of office on the grounds that my participation in council business relating to these organisations will not damage public confidence.

(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:

Date:

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Mr M.A. Morgan (Chair)

Independent Members:

Mrs M. Dodd, Mrs D. Evans, Mrs J. James, and Mr A. Williams.

Community Member:

Town Councillor P. Rogers.

Councillors:

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

The following Officers were in attendance:

R. E. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
S.J.G. Gilasbey	Item 4, 5 & 6 – Application for Dispensation by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey.	She is the applicant.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 7th December, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, left the Council Chamber prior to the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member of Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the Museum and/or Trust. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the Council Chamber and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Kidwelly Town RFC.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member of Kidwelly Town RFC.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the RFC. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Kidwelly Town RFC and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

6. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the Council Chamber and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member and trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the Church. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

7. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

[Note: Councillor R James joined the meeting].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Amnesty International UK.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Amnesty International UK.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Amnesty International UK and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

8. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

9. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Museum.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Friends of Carmarthen Museum.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Museum and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

10. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

[Note: Councillor R. James departed the meeting].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Archives.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Friends of Carmarthen Archives.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Archives and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

11. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Cwlwm Munduli.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member and trustee of Cwlwm Munduli.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Cwlwm Munduli and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

12. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA).

The Legal Services Manager highlighted to the Committee that Councillor Lloyd was also a member of the Planning Committee. In light of this, the Committee requested that it would be useful that this information is included on future reports.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA).

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

13. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding charity MIND.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of the charity MIND.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the charity MIND and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

14. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC)..

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

15. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding the Shared Lives Scheme

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he as close personal associates of persons who are carers in the Shared Lives Scheme.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Shared Lives Scheme and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

16. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding UNISON.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of UNISON.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manager advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding UNISON and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

17. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR OWEN ALEXANDER MARMION WILLIAMS

The Legal Services Manager, stated that it may be beneficial for Committee Members to be provided with a list of County Councillor's interests as part of the report. Members agreed that this information as part of the report would be beneficial in that it would enable them to make a more informed decision.

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Williams of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Williams had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that any Councils discussions on the LDP was likely to affect Councillor Williams' family home.

Councillor William's interest was also prejudicial as 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 William had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Councillor Owen Alexander Marmion Williams for dispensation to speak and make written representations at meetings of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council in respect of matters relating to the Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) be refused.

18. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIAM CHARLES LOYNTON

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Loynton of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Loynton had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he owns land which is likely to be affected by the revised LDP due to a common boundary.

Councillor Loynton's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Loynton had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Councillor William Charles Loynton for dispensation to speak and make written representations at meetings of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council in respect of matters relating to the Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) be refused.

19. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Legal Services Manager advised members in relation to their travelling allowances claim.

CHAIR

DATE

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 14/12/20

<p>APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR J GILASBEY</p>		
<p>Recommendations / key decisions required: To consider and determine the application</p>		
<p>Reasons: The committee has a statutory role to consider and determine such applications.</p>		
<p>Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA</p>		
<p>Exec. Board Decision Required</p>		<p>NO</p>
<p>Council Decision Required</p>		<p>NO</p>
<p>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Emlyn Dole – Leader of the Council</p>		
<p>Directorate: Chief Executives</p> <p>Name of Head of Service:</p> <p>Linda Rees-Jones</p> <p>Report Author: Robert Edgecombe</p>	<p>Designations:</p> <p>Head of Administration and Law</p> <p>Legal Services Manager</p>	<p>Email addresses:</p> <p>rjedgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk 01267 224018</p>

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
14/12/20

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY CLLR J GILASBEY

An application for dispensation has been received from Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey, of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council to speak and make written representations in respect of the proposed closure and merger of Ysgol Gwenllian and Ysgol Mynyddygarreg primary schools.

Cllr Gilasbey has a personal and prejudicial interest in these matters as she is a close personal associate (family relative) of a member of staff at Ysgol Gwenllian, who is likely to be affected by the proposals.

Cllr Gilasbey makes her application on 2 grounds namely that her participation would not undermine public confidence, and that she has knowledge and expertise because of her being a local education authority appointed governor of the school.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

- 1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A**
- 2. Local Member(s) - N/A**
- 3. Community / Town Council – N/A**
- 4. Relevant Partners - N/A**
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A**

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED
NO

N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services File	DPSC-183	County Hall, Carmarthen

**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 Jeanette Gilasbey

Name of your Council: Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council

Your address and postcode: Hillfield Villas Kidwelly. SA17 4UL

Contact telephone number(s): 01554890203

Email address: JGilasbey@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Closure and merger of Ysgol Gwenllian and Ysgol Mynyddygarreg

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am a close personal associate of a member of staff at Ysgol Gwenllian

When will the above matter be considered?

At various times over the next 12 months.

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only: x

Speak and vote:

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
• 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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all the circumstances where not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 Local Education Authority has put forward proposals for the closure of 2 primary schools in my area and their replacement with a single merged school. The affected schools are Ysgol Gwenllian and Ysgol Mynyddygarreg.

I have a personal and prejudicial interest in this proposal as I am a close personal associate (family relative) of a member of staff at Ysgol Gwenllian, who will be affected by the proposal should it go ahead.

I seek dispensation to speak and make written representations on this issue

I believe such a dispensation should be granted for the following reasons;

1. The proposal is obviously of considerable importance to the community that I represent, and local residents have the right to expect their local councillor to be involved in any debate or discussion that occurs.
2. As an education authority appointed school governor for Ysgol Gwenllian I have a knowledge and experience of the school which would be highly relevant to the debate on the proposals*
3. The fact that I am a family relative of a member of staff at Ysgol Gwenllian would not damage public confidence should I be allowed to participate. Ysgol Gwenllian is at the heart of the community that I represent and therefore there are very few people in the community who do not have a close family or other connection with the school.

*my position as an Education Authority governor means that this also amounts to a separate personal interest in this issue. However as I was appointed to that role by the County Council, that interest is not prejudicial and therefore does not prevent me participating in any debate or discussion on the proposals.

(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:

Date:

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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.

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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:

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- (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

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 14/12/20

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR K LLOYD

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider and determine the application

Reasons:

The committee has a statutory role to consider and determine such applications.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Exec. Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-
Cllr. Emlyn Dole – Leader of the Council

<p>Directorate: Chief Executives</p> <p>Name of Head of Service:</p> <p>Linda Rees-Jones</p> <p>Report Author:</p> <p>Robert Edgecombe</p>	<p>Designations:</p> <p>Head of Administration and Law</p> <p>Legal Services Manager</p>	<p>Email addresses:</p> <p>rjedgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk 01267 224018</p>
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STANDARDS COMMITTEE
14/12/20

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY CLLR K LLOYD

An application for dispensation has been received from Councillor Ken Lloyd, of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council to speak and make written representations in respect of the following personal and prejudicial interests

1. CAMRA – Cllr Lloyd is a member of this organisation
2. MIND – Cllr Lloyd is a member of this organisation
3. Cwmlwm Monduli – Cllr Lloyd is a trustee of the charity
4. Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign – Cllr Lloyd is a member of the campaign
5. Amnesty international – Cllr Lloyd is a member of this organisation
6. Rail services in mid and west Wales – Cllr Lloyd is a member of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA)
7. Carmarthen Museum – Cllr Lloyd and his wife are members of the ‘friends of Carmarthen museum’
8. Carmarthen Archives – Cllr Lloyd and his wife are members of Friends of Carmarthen Archives
9. Shared Lives/Adult social care – Cllr Lloyd is a close personal associate of 2 persons who are approved carers under the Shared Lives Scheme

Cllr. Lloyd was previously granted dispensation in respect of these interests in January 2019. These dispensations are due to expire shortly

Since January 2019 Cllr Lloyd has used his dispensation in respect of Shared Lives/Adult Social Care once

Cllr Lloyd asks that these dispensations be renewed until the end of his current term of office on the grounds that his participation in any council business relating to or likely to affect those organisations will not damage public confidence.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed *Linda Rees-Jones* Head of Administration and Law

- 1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A**
- 2. Local Member(s) - N/A**
- 3. Community / Town Council – N/A**
- 4. Relevant Partners - N/A**
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services File	DPSC-183	County Hall, Carmarthen

**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?

1. Matters relating to the following organisations– CAMRA, MIND, Cwmlwm Monduli, Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign and Amnesty International
2. Matters relating to the following issues – Rail services in mid and west Wales, Carmarthen museum, Carmarthen archives and Shared Lives/Adult Social Care

What is your interest in the above matter?

I am a member of the organisations listed in point 1 and a member of organisations linked to the issues listed in point 2.

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: x

Speak and vote:

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
• 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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	x <input type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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:

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In January 2019 the committee kindly granted me dispensations in respect of these interests. I attach a copy of the relevant committee minute for information. These dispensations are due to expire and I wish to renew them until the end of my current term of office.

Since granted I have only made use of the dispensation relating to Shared Lives/Adult Social Care. This was on one occasion only to speak at a meeting of Carmarthen Town Council.

In summary my interests are as follows;

1. CAMRA – I am a member of this organisation
2. MIND – I am a member of this organisation
3. Cwmlwm Monduli – I am a trustee of the charity
4. Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign – I am a member of the campaign
5. Amnesty international – I am a member of this organisation
6. Rail services in mid and west Wales – I am a member of the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA)
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9. Shared Lives/Adult social care - I am a close personal associate of 2 persons who are approved carers under the Shared Lives Scheme

I would therefore be grateful if the committee would grant me a further dispensation to speak and make written representations only in respect of these interests until the end of my current term of office, on the grounds that my participation would not undermine public confidence.

(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:

Date: / /

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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.
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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Mr M.A. Morgan (Chair)

Independent Members:

Mrs M. Dodd, Mrs D. Evans, Mrs J. James, and Mr A. Williams.

Community Member:

Town Councillor P. Rogers.

Councillors:

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

The following Officers were in attendance:

R. E. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
S.J.G. Gilasbey	Item 4, 5 & 6 – Application for Dispensation by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey.	She is the applicant.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 7th December, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, left the Council Chamber prior to the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member of Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the Museum and/or Trust. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Kidwelly Industrial Museum and Trust and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the Council Chamber and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Kidwelly Town RFC.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member of Kidwelly Town RFC.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the RFC. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Kidwelly Town RFC and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

6. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

[NOTE: Councillor Gilasbey, having earlier declared an interest in this item, was not present in the Council Chamber and therefore did not take part in the consideration and determination thereof.]

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak in relation to matters regarding Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that she is a member and trustee of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly.

Councillor Gilasbey's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Gilasbey had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Committee noted that the dispensation to speak did NOT cover matters in respect of any regulatory application made by or on behalf of the Church. This also includes planning or licensing applications.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak only.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK only at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Kidwelly Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church in Kidwelly and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

7. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

[Note: Councillor R James joined the meeting].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Amnesty International UK.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Amnesty International UK.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

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8. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

9. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Museum.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Friends of Carmarthen Museum.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

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10. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

[Note: Councillor R. James departed the meeting].

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Friends of Carmarthen Archives.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Friends of Carmarthen Archives.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

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11. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Cwlwm Munduli.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member and trustee of Cwlwm Munduli.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding Cwlwm Munduli and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

12. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA).

The Legal Services Manager highlighted to the Committee that Councillor Lloyd was also a member of the Planning Committee. In light of this, the Committee requested that it would be useful that this information is included on future reports.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA).

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association (HOWLTA) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

13. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding charity MIND.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of the charity MIND.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the charity MIND and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

14. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC)..

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign (NSC) and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

15. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding the Shared Lives Scheme

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he as close personal associates of persons who are carers in the Shared Lives Scheme.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding the Shared Lives Scheme and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

16. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR KEN LLOYD

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding UNISON.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Lloyd had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he is a member of UNISON.

Councillor Lloyd's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manger advised the Committee that in considering the application it should note that paragraphs 2 (d) and (h) were the most appropriate grounds should the Committee be minded to approve the request to speak and make written representations.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Ken Lloyd to speak and make written representations at meetings of the Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthen Town Council in relation to matters regarding UNISON and that the dispensation be valid until 31st December 2020.

17. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR OWEN ALEXANDER MARMION WILLIAMS

The Legal Services Manager, stated that it may be beneficial for Committee Members to be provided with a list of County Councillor's interests as part of the report. Members agreed that this information as part of the report would be beneficial in that it would enable them to make a more informed decision.

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Williams of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Williams had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that any Councils discussions on the LDP was likely to affect Councillor Williams' family home.

Councillor William's interest was also prejudicial as 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 William had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Councillor Owen Alexander Marmion Williams for dispensation to speak and make written representations at meetings of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council in respect of matters relating to the Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) be refused.

18. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIAM CHARLES LOYNTON

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Loynton of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council, for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak and make written representations in relation to matters regarding Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP).

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Loynton had a personal interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct in that he owns land which is likely to be affected by the revised LDP due to a common boundary.

Councillor Loynton's interest was also prejudicial as 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 Loynton had accordingly requested that a dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) (e) (f) (g) and (h) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Councillor William Charles Loynton for dispensation to speak and make written representations at meetings of Manordeilo and Salem Community Council in respect of matters relating to the Carmarthen County Council's revised Local Development Plan (LDP) be refused.

19. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Legal Services Manager advised members in relation to their travelling allowances claim.

CHAIR

DATE