

Standards Committee

Friday, 4 February 2022

PRESENT: M. Dodd (Chair)

Independent Members:

C. Davies, D. Evans, J. James and F. Phillips

Community Member:-

Town Councillor P. Rogers

Councillors:

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

The following Officers were in attendance:

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 10.30 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on the 13th December, 2021 be signed as a correct record.

4. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY CLLR T DEVICHAND

The Committee considered an application submitted by Community Councillor T Devichand for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak, vote and make written representations on matters relating to the removal of 20mph speed limits and parking restrictions on Maescanner Road and Dafen Road, Llanelli.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Devichand had been requested by her constituents to advocate on their behalf and that she had a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter as she lived in Dafen Road and was affected by the proposal. Cllr Devichand had requested that dispensation be granted on the grounds that:-

- Her participation in any such council business would not damage public confidence and

- Her interest was common to a significant proportion of the public

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

The Legal Services Manager referred to the second ground submitted by Councillor Devichand in support of her dispensation application and advised that it was not relevant to the application on the basis it was a local matter and therefore was not common to a significant proportion of the public.

Following a discussion it was:-

RESOLVED

- 4.1 that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Tegwen Devichand to speak and make written representation, but not vote, at meetings of Llanelli Rural Council in respect of matters relating to the removal of 20mph speed limits and parking restrictions on Maescanner Road and Dafen Road, Llanelli**
- 4.2 That the period of dispensation be granted to the end of Councillor Devichand's current term of office up to the local government elections in May 2022**

5. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY CLLR SHAREN LOUISE DAVIES

The Committee considered an application submitted by County Councillor S.L. Davies for the grant of a dispensation under the provisions of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations to speak, vote and make written representations on matters relating to the removal of 20mph speed limits and parking restrictions on Maescanner Road, Llanelli.

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Davies had been requested by her constituents to advocate on their behalf and that she had a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter as her mother owned a property on Maescanner Road and was therefore affected by the proposal. Cllr Davies had requested that dispensation be granted on the grounds that:-

- Her participation in any such council business would not damage public confidence and
- Her interest was common to a significant proportion of the public

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

The Legal Services Manager referred to the second ground submitted by Councillor Davies in support of her dispensation application and advised that it was not relevant to the application on the basis it was a local matter and therefore was not common to a significant proportion of the public.

Following a discussion it was:-

RESOLVED

- 4.1 that dispensation be granted under Regulations 2 (d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Sharen Louise Davies to speak and make written representation, but not vote, at meetings of Carmarthenshire County Council and Llanelli Rural Council in respect of matters relating to the removal of 20mph speed limits and parking restrictions on Maescanner Road, Llanelli
 - 4.2 That the period of dispensation be granted to the end of Councillor Davies' current term of office up to the local government elections in May 2022
6. **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