

**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: Please see appendix A attached

Name of your Council: Cyngor Cymuned Gorslas Community Council

Your address and postcode: Please see appendix A attached.

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**2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST**

What is the matter under consideration?

Matters relating to School Governing Bodies and possible school re-organisations/closure and the proposal to build a new school on the Gorslas Park site which is owed by the Community Council.

What is your interest in the above matter?

That Councillors are also members of Governing Bodies of schools in the area and should there be an issue discussed, or support offered by the Council in relation to proposals relating to those schools the Community Councillors would wish, in the interests of transparency for that link to be known.

That the Community Council is shortly to engage in negotiations with the County Council relating to the possibility of the sale of land owned by the Community Council to the County Council for the purposes of establishing a new primary school.

That two members of the Community Council are also County Councillors and thus could be seen as having a prejudicial, but not personal, interest in ensuring the sale of the land to the County Council of which they are elected members.

When will the above matter be considered?

Matters relating to school governance could arise at any point during the year.

The proposals relating to the possible sale of land to the County Council for the building of a new school will commence in June/July 2016 and may continue throughout the year.

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only:

Speak and vote:

Make written  
Representations

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	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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)***

Community Councillors who are also members of school Governing Bodies provide a valuable service in linking the community with those schools.

The Community Council is not involved directly in the running of schools. The public do however refer practical issues as well as any proposed strategic changes to the schools' network in an area to the Community Council.

The Community Council is of the view that the current model benefits both the Community as well as the school and provides a valuable channel of communication and dialogue.

In the interests of transparency members would wish for the involvement to be noted and for a dispensation to be granted to allow them to speak, participate and vote in any discussion related the Community Council related to the schools on which they serve as Governors.

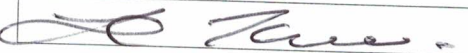
The two members of the Community Council who are also members of the County Council ie the body who is seeking to purchase land from the Community Council for the purposes of building a new school, would not benefit personally by any decision to sell the land to the County Council.

If prohibited from speaking or voting on the matter they would not be able to convey or represent the feelings of their constituents to the Community Council and a valuable opportunity for a significant number of local residents to have their views considered would be lost.

The Community Council respectfully request that consideration be given to the granting of a dispensation in these circumstances.

*(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: 17 / 05 /17

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