

## APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Please note that all sections MUST be filled. Please refer to the attached Guidance Notes when completing this form.

### 1. YOUR DETAILS

Your full name: Myfanwy Miles Jones

Your Council Name: Llanarthne Community Council

### 2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the issue in question?

Electricity transfer from Nant Mithil Energy Park, Radnor Forest, and possibly other energy park developments to grid connection in Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

1. My property is in the original proposed corridor for erecting pylons. I received the preliminary letter from Bute about carrying out inspection work.
2. If pylons were erected, they would likely be visible from my property.
3. If pylons were erected, there would be a potential impact on the value of my property.

When will the above matter be considered?

The issue is likely to be discussed periodically over the coming three or four years.

Have you applied for dispensation to:

Speak only:

Speak and vote:  x

Give written observations  x

Exercise Executive Powers

### 3. REASONS FOR DISPENSATION

Regulations made by the National Assembly for Wales specify the circumstances in which the Standards Committee can allow a dispensation. The reasons for allowing a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. For which of the following reasons do you think a dispensation should be allowed in this case? Please tick the box/boxes that apply.

• at least half of the members considering the business have an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my incapacity to take part would change the political balance of the meeting to a degree that would be likely to affect the outcome;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the fact that I am taking part would not harm public confidence	<input type="checkbox"/> x
• the interest is common to me and to a significant proportion of the public;	<input type="checkbox"/> x
• it is justified that I take part in the business because of my particular role or expertise;	<input type="checkbox"/> x
• the business will be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a monetary interest;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the financial matters or the property of a voluntary body whose committee or management board I am a member of, and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• it is appropriate to do so in all circumstances where it is not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments for a person's disability	<input type="checkbox"/>

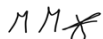
#### **4. INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM**

Please state below the reasons why you believe that the Standards Committee should allow dispensation in this case:

***(Note that this application form will be returned to you if you do not complete this section)***

Although I live in the potential corridor for the erection of these pylons, as a community Councillor, it is important that I continue to be able to express the views and concerns of the people of the community. I wouldn't be properly doing my work as a Community Councillor if I didn't make their voices heard.

I confirm that the information provided in this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that this application and all information contained therein can form part of a public report to the Standards Committee. I am making an application for dispensation in relation to the above matter.

Signature: 

Date:

15 / 3 / 2023

Please return this form to the Monitoring Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen SA31 1JP / [monitoringofficer@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:monitoringofficer@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

### Notes for Guidance

- (1) You should read the Code of Conduct and decide which of the paragraphs is most appropriate in your case. Brief details of the relevant paragraphs can be found in the table below. If in doubt, please contact the Monitoring Officer for advice.

Para.	The type of personal interest	
10(2)(a)	Council business relating to, or likely to affect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• your employment or business</li><li>• your employer, business or company</li><li>• a contract entered into between the Council and you</li><li>• any land, lease or licence in which you have an interest</li><li>• a public body or other association of which you are a member or in which you hold a position of general management</li></ul>	
10(2)(c)	Council business affecting your welfare or financial situation, or the welfare, financial position or other interests of a person with whom you cohabit or with whom you have a close personal connection	
13	Council business which is considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and relates to the decision of the Cabinet or other Committee of which you were a member at the time [County Council only]	

- (2) The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended) state that a Standards Committee may allow dispensations in the following situations:

- if not less than half the members of the relevant authority or half the members of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by whom the business is to be considered have an interest relevant to that business
- not less than half of the executive members of the leader and cabinet of the relevant authority by which the business is to be contemplated has an interest relevant to that business and either paragraph (d) or paragraph (d) also applies;
- In the case of a county council or county borough council, the member's inability to participate would alter the political balance of the relevant authority or the authority's committee considering the business to an extent that would be likely to affect the outcome;
- the nature of the members interest is such that the members participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;

- (e) if the interest is common to the member and to a significant portion of the public;
- (f) the member is justified in engaging in the business to which the interest applies because of the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest applies is to be considered by the overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a financial interest;
- (h) the business to be considered is relevant to the financial matters or property of a voluntary body of which the member is a member of its committee or board of management other than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that no dispensation extends to participation in any vote in respect of that business; or
- (i) if it appears to the committee that it is in the best interests of the inhabitants of the relevant authority area for the dispensation to be allowed, provided that written notice that the dispensation is permitted is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.
- (j) if it is deemed appropriate to do so in all the circumstances in which it is not otherwise possible to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate a person's disability