

Standards Committee

Thursday, 19 October 2023

PRESENT: M. Dodd (Chair)

Independent Members:

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

Community Member:

Councillor P. Rogers

The following Officers were in attendance:

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator

E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer

M. Runeckles, Members Support Officer

E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 10.15 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B.W. Jones

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 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 18th September, 2023 be signed as a correct record subject to grammatical amendments to agenda item 6 – Code of Conduct Data 2022-23.

4. DISPENSATION APPLICATION BY COUNCILLOR JEANETTE GILASBEY

The Committee considered an application submitted by Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey of Kidwelly 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 representation in respect of the following personal and prejudicial interests:

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

It was reported that a dispensation was sought as Councillor Gilasbey had a personal and prejudicial interest in these matters by virtue of paragraph 10(2)(ee) of the Code of Conduct.

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(2)(d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

The Legal Services Manager advised that Councillor Gilasbey had previously been granted a dispensation in respect of these interest in January 2019 and December 2022.

Following a discussion it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that dispensation be granted under Regulation 2 (2)(d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey to SPEAK AND MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ONLY at meetings in relation to matters regarding:

- St Mary’s Church Kidwelly
- Kidwelly RFC
- Kidwelly Museum

and that these dispensations be valid until the end of her current term in office.

- 5. 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

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