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DYDD MAWRTH, 6 TACHWEDD 2018

AT: HOLL AELODAU'R PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

YR WYF DRWY HYN YN EICH GALW I FYNYCHU CYFARFOD O'R **PWYLLGOR SAFONAU** A GYNHELIR YN **SIAMBR, NEUADD Y SIR, CAERFYRDDIN AM 10.00 AM, DYDD LLUN, 12FED TACHWEDD, 2018** ER MWYN CYFLAWNI'R MATERION A AMLINELLIR AR YR AGENDA ATODEDIG.

Mark James DYB

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AELODAETH: 9 AELOD

Aelodau Annibynnol (5)

1. Mrs Mary Dodd Is-Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor
2. Mrs Daphne Evans
3. Mrs Julie James
4. Mr M. Andre Morgan Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor
5. Mr Alun Williams

Aelod Pwyllgor Cymunedol (1)

1. Cynghorydd Tref Philip Rogers

Aelodau Etholedig y Cyngor Sir (3)

1. Y Cynghorydd Jeanette Gilasbey
2. Y Cynghorydd Andre McPherson
3. Y Cynghorydd Gareth Thomas

AGENDA

1. YMDDIHEURIADAU AM ABSENOLDEB
2. DATGAN BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL.
3. CAIS AM OLLYNGIAD GAN Y CYNGHORWYR CEFIN CAMPBELL 5 - 14
GARETH THOMAS, JEAN LEWIS, KEN HOWELL, TYSSUL
EVANS, MANSEL CHARLES, EIRWYN WILLIAMS, ANN DAVIES
AC ARWEL DAVIES
4. UNRHYW FATER ARALL Y GALL Y CADEIRYDD OHERWYDD
AMGYLCHIADAU ARBENNIG, BENDERFYNU EI YSTYRIED YN
FATER BRYN YN UNOL AG ADRAN 100B(4)(B) DEDDF
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Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
12/11/2018

**CAIS AM OLLYNGIAD GAN Y CYNGHORWYR CEFIN CAMPBELL
GARETH THOMAS, JEAN LEWIS, KEN HOWELL, TYSSUL
EVANS, MANSEL CHARLES, EIRWYN WILLIAMS, ANN DAVIES
AC ARWEL DAVIES**

**Yr Argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:
Ystyried y cais a phenderfynu arno**

Rhesymau:

Mae cynnwys yr adroddiad hwn yn rhan o faes gorchwyl y Pwyllgor.

Argymhellion / Sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu:

Ddim yn berthnasol

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Y
Cynghorydd E Dole (Arweinydd)

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth

Y Prif Weithredwr

Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

Linda Rees-Jones

Awdur yr Adroddiad:

Robert Edgecombe

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Pennaeth Gweinyddiaeth a'r
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
12/11/2018**

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLORS CEFIN
CAMPBELL, GARETH THOMAS, JEAN LEWIS, KEN HOWELL,
TYSSUL EVANS, MANSEL CHARLES, EIRWYN WILLIAMS,
ANN DAVIES AND ARWEL DAVIES**

An application for dispensation to speak and make written representations in respect of any council business relating to or likely to affect farming and agriculture has been received from the above County Councillors.

The Councillors potentially have a personal interest in such business by virtue of paragraphs 10(2) (a)(i), 10(2)(a)(iv), 10(2)(b)(i) and 10(2)(b)(ii) of the members code of conduct in that they are all either actively engaged in farming or farming type activities in the County, own farm land which is actively farmed by others or have close personal associates who are actively engaged in farming.

Those interests should also be considered prejudicial member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard the interests as so significant that they would be likely to prejudice the councillors' judgement of the public interest.

The application is made on 2 grounds set out in the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001 namely;

1. The Councillors participation in such matters would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business
2. That their participation is justified by their particular expertise

Councillors Gareth Thomas and Jean Lewis were previously granted dispensation in respect of these matters in June 2016 until the Local Authority elections in May 2017.

All the above Councillors (except for Cllr. Campbell) were subsequently granted dispensation in respect of these interests from September 2017 to September 2018. Cllr. Arwel Davies was granted dispensation from December 2017 to September 2018.

If the committee is minded to approve the application they have absolute discretion as to the duration of any dispensation granted.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

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 NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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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

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

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 file	DPSC-166	Legal Services, County Hall

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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:
CEFIN CAMPBELL
GARETH THOMAS
JEAN LEWIS
KEN HOWELL
TYSSUL EVANS
MANSEL CHARLES
EIRWYN WILLIAMS
ANN DAVIES
ARWEL DAVIES

Name of your Council: CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY 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?

Any matter relating to or likely to affect farms or farming in the County of Carmarthenshire

What is your interest in the above matter?

The applicants are either;

1. Working farmers
2. Close personal associates of working farmers or
3. Owners of working farm land

In the County of Carmarthenshire

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during the councillors current 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;	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 County Councillors making this application all have considerable direct knowledge and experience of the issues affecting farming and those working in the industry. They have experience in both dairy and non-dairy farming and represent constituencies all across Carmarthenshire.

Agriculture makes up an important part of the economy of the County and members of the public working in the industry, or whose families are directly connected with the industry, make up a significant part of the population of many parts of Carmarthenshire.

Many of the functions of the Council relate to or directly affect the farming industry. Decisions taken by elected members relating to farming matters can have a significant impact not just upon individual farms, but also upon the wider agricultural sector and the communities that they are a key part of.

If Councillors who have a personal and prejudicial interest in farming related decisions are unable to speak, not only would farming communities in the County be denied democratic representation when such decisions are made but also those Councillors who do not have such an interest would be denied the benefit of their expert knowledge.

Public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business would not be damaged by allowing these Councillors to speak in any debate or make written representations on farming related matters.

The majority of these councillors have previously been granted dispensation in respect of these interests, but these dispensations have now expired

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: *Cefin Campbell*

Signed: *Gareth Thomas*

Signed: *Jean Lewis*

Signed: *Ken Howell*

Signed: *Mansel Charles*

Signed: *Eirwyn Williams*

Signed: *Ann Davies*

Signed: *Tyssul Evans*

Signed: *Arwel Davies*

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

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