

## APPLICATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR DISPENSATION

### 1. YOUR DETAILS:

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### 2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST:

What are the matters under consideration?

1: A specific issue regarding the creation of an adult changing place in the Town Toilets, which involves a policy decision regarding the proposed asset transfer from the County Council. This is in respect of (a)an in principle decision to proceed or not, (b) the terms on which the changing plsce would be set up including potentially terms of any sub-lease from the Council to Ynghyd CIC

2: I would also like a general dispensation regarding the work of Ynghyd CIC in Kidwelly, which involves promoting inclusion projects and events.

3: The work of the the Kidwelly Community Hub and the Kidwelly Luncheon Club, which is run by the organisations jointly and for which I am the lead contact for the Big Lottery grant.

What are your interests in the above matters?

1: A director of Ynghyd CIC

2: Committee member of Kidwelly Community Hub. (The Authority has representatives on both, who are not directors or direct committee members).

When will the above matter be considered?

1; Ongoing agenda items on Full Council, Finance and General Purposes Committees until resolution in respect of the Town Toilets and changing room, ongoing in respect of the general work of Ynghyd CIC. the Hub and luncheon club.

I am applying for dispensation to:

**Speak only:**

**3. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION**

- my participation would not damage public confidence
  
- my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;
  
- the business is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee and my interest is not a pecuniary interest;
  
- 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

**4. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION**

1: In respect of the adult changing place, I have a particular knowledge and expertise in the matter. In general this is because of my background and other rôles I undertake, I am a director of Disability Wales and former Director of Disability Rights UK.

Further I have particular expertise having practiced in Disability discrimination law and equality law at the Welsh and English Bar.

In terms of the proposed changing room project I am one of the lead members of the team involved and have a particular knowledge of the negotiations and equipment involved.

I do not believe that public confidence would be damaged as the proposal involves Ynghyd CIC putting additional resources and equipment into the Town at a cost to the organisation. In addition the proposed resource will be a valuable community asset, which would be particularly welcomed by the disabled community.

In respect of Ynghyd CIC, we are a properly constituted and registered CIC, (articles are on

this Committee's record from previous application), which is a not for profit organisation with social and community aims.

The Articles do provide as a standard clause for remuneration of directors, but I and the other directors have not been remunerated, (in reality have contributed), and I have no intention of seeking remuneration from the organisation in general and would have no pecuniary gain in this or the luncheon club projects, nor in the running of the Kidwelly Community Hub.

2: In respect of the luncheon club I am the lead officer on the project which is an Ynghyd / Kidwelly Community Hub project and have unique knowledge of the discussions with funders, venue and the meal providers and the structure and budget of the project. This means as in the case of the changing place I can assist the Authority by ensuring the discussion is fully informed of the full picture of the projects.

The Hub is an unincorporated community project, which is an Ynghyd supported project with its own management committee. I receive no remuneration and have no personal pecuniary interest.

The comments re public confidence and remuneration as set out above apply and are this repeated in respect of this application.

### Summary

I request an exemption to speak only

(A) In respect of the Town Toilets and Ynghyd CICs involvement in a potential asset transfer and conversion to an adult changing continuing until the resolution of the matter or end of my term of office, whichever is the sooner.

(B) In respect of Ynghyd CIC and the Kidwelly Community Hub affairs and projects in particular the Kidwelly Luncheon Club for the same period.

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: *Mr. Philip Thompson*      Date: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017