

**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: Schedule of Members Names Attached

Name of your Council: Gorslas Community Council

Your address and postcode: As per attached schedule

Contact telephone number(s): As per attached schedule

Email address: Gorslas.CC.Clerk@gmail.com

**2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST**

- Member of the Welfare Committee

**Explanatory Note - Welfare Committees.**

- The Community Council is the owner of parks at Gorslas, Drefach and Cefneithin and makes strategic and operational decisions relating to both the provision in general or at an individual park.
- There are Welfare Associations in each of those communities who have a role in the running of the park in their particular area.
- Each Community Councillor is also a member of the Welfare Association for the area in which their electoral Ward falls.
- The Community Councillors do not have a direct personal or financial interest in any of the three Welfare Associations.
- Dispensation is sought to allow Community Councillors, to speak and vote at meetings of the Community Council on matters related to any of the three parks, including the park for which they are also members of the Welfare Association.

What is your interest in the above matter?

- As a member of the Welfare Committee which could potentially benefit from a decision made by the Community Council relating to the park for which I am also a member of the Welfare Committee.

When will the above matter be considered?

Park matters will arise at each meeting of the Community Council during the 2017/18 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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)***

The parks represent a significant area of service provision and engagement with the community for the Community Council.

With each of the Community Councillors serving on one of the Welfare Associations in the area the arrangement facilitates the pooling and sharing of experiences and resources as well as providing opportunities for service development and growth.

The arrangement has worked well over a significant number of years and has been a positive development for the Council and the areas which it serves.

Without such an arrangement Community Councillors would have to withdraw from membership of the relevant Welfare Association and a significant link with the Community would be lost with a loss of partnership working including the sharing and pooling of the knowledge and resources and expertise which has been developed over a number of years.

Changing the arrangement would provide a poorer service for each community and work against the efficient delivery and co-ordination of services in the area.

Members seek the permission of the Council to continue with the arrangement.



*(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 Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.