

**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: Cllr Robert Harley Jones

Name of your Council: Llanddarog Community Council

Your address and postcode:

Contact telephone number(s):

Email address: post@ccllanddarog.uk

**2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST**

What is the matter under consideration?

Matters relating to Pwyllgor Llesiant Porthyrhyd Welfare Committee

What is your interest in the above matter?

Cllr Jones is a member of the committee

When will the above matter be considered?

At any time during his term of office

Are you applying for dispensation to:

Speak only:

Speak and vote: x

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 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;	<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	x <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)***

Llanddarog Community Council covers 3 villages to the east of Carmarthen, namely Llanddarog, Porthyrhyd and Mynyddcerrig.

In each of these villages there are community groups which are very active in running local community facilities and with which the Council has a close working relationship.

As these are small, close knit, communities there is an overlap between the membership of the Council and membership of these community groups.

In none of these cases has the Council nominated or appointed any of its members to serve on these community groups as a representative of the Council.

It is not uncommon for Council business to relate to, or be likely to impact, upon these community groups. This might include for example a decision by the Council to hire a facility run by a group in order to hold a Council event, or a request by a group for funding from the Council.

Councillor Jones is a member of the Pwyllgor Llesiant Porthyrhyd Welfare Committee. As such he has a personal and prejudicial interest in any Council business relating to or likely to affect that organisation. Councillor Jones has no other personal or financial interest in such business.

Pwyllgor Llesiant Porthyrhyd Welfare Committee is also a registered charity which owns and operates both the village hall ('Y Neuadd Fach') and the adjoining recreation ground ('Cae Efail'). The former is used by local football teams and local children and the latter hired out for community events, parties etc.

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:

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"> <li>• your employment or business,</li> <li>• your employer, firm or company</li> <li>• a contract made 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 in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management</li> </ul>	
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