

**CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PREJUDICIAL INTEREST-APPLICATION FOR
DISPENSATION TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

I request the Standards Committee to grant me a dispensation under Regulation 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to cover the prejudicial interest/s declared in Section 3 below. My reasons for making this request are set out in Section 4.

SECTION 1	Name(s) of Member(s)	Name of member's authority
	Julia Jones	LlandeiloTown Council

SECTION 2	Matter to be discussed on which member seeks dispensation	
	THE ANNUAL LLANDEILO FAWR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC (Registered Charity No 1138432)	
	Date of meeting at which the matter is to be discussed:	
	Dispensation sought to speak only	YES
	Dispensation sought to speak and vote	NO

SECTION 3	details of the prejudicial interest
	<p>As the Artistic Director and one of the Trustees of the Festival (which is a voluntary organisation) I am charged with the detailed organisation of each year's event. As such I have responsibility for the selection and contracting of artists, all aspects of advance publicity, the selection and booking of the various Festival venues, press coverage and photographs, the reservation of accommodation and detailed arrangements for transporting artists both to and from their points of arrival, negotiations with sponsors and potential sponsors and catering for their pre-concert receptions, as well as encouraging and planning the involvement of local schools in masterclasses.</p> <p>My involvement in the Festival., ever since its inception over fifteen years ago, has been entirely voluntary. I do not receive any kind of remuneration and I have never been reimbursed in any way for any of the expenses which I have inevitably incurred over the years.</p> <p>I therefore have no financial interest and all monies are reinvested in the festival</p>

SECTION 4	Criteria for seeking dispensation-see appendix for full wording	
~ 50% of members affected		
~ Political balance would be affected (county borough only)		
~ No damage to public confidence		X
~ Common interest with general public		X
~ Justified because of special expertise		X
~ Scrutiny committee business <u>and</u> not financial interest		
~ Voluntary organisation <u>and</u> not financial interest		X
~ In the interests of inhabitants		X

SECTION 5	Reasons in support of my/our application (continue on separate sheet if necessary)
<p>As the founder and artistic director of the Llandeilo Fawr Festival of Music, an event which has assumed ever-increasing importance in the cultural life of the town, I constantly need to raise the profile of the event, both in Llandeilo and the surrounding area. It is an immensely challenging undertaking to bring internationally-renowned artists to a small town, especially one which does not have a recognised concert venue and where ticket receipts are therefore invariably insufficient to cover the great expense involved. It becomes ever more important therefore to 'spread the message' and to do everything possible to enthuse music-lovers and others with what we are trying to do. In that task the involvement of the Llandeilo Town Council assumes enormous importance and it would be no exaggeration to assert that , without its support and goodwill, the Festival would probably not have continued as long as it has done.</p> <p>In my submission therefore it makes no sense whatsoever for me to be constantly denied the opportunity of keeping the other members of the Town Council fully informed of the Festival's plans, of the world-ranking artists who will be visiting the town each July and of the aspirations of myself and the other trustees in our continuing attempts to make Llandeilo more and more of a cultural mecca, here in the heart of rural Wales. I do not seek in any way to use my position to influence the Council in any financial matters (e.g. grant-aid to the Festival) but I feel it is crucial that i am permitted to keep everyone fully abreast of Festival affairs.</p>	

SIGNED: *J. Jones* (Julia Jones)

a member of Llandeilo Town/Community Council

DATE 10 November 2015