

**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: Jonathan Francis Gwynfryn-Evans

Name of your Council: Ammanford Town Council

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2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

What is the matter under consideration?

Non prejudiced support for events in Ammanford including those organised by or involving the
Ammanford Enterprise Partnership

What is your interest in the above matter?

My friend is a director of the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership

When will the above matter be considered?

At various times during the next 6 months

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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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)

It has been brought to my attention that I may need to seek dispensation for council meetings to allow me to discuss and vote in discussions relating to community events involving the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership. I am not directly involved with the Ammanford Enterprise Partnership, though my friend is a director. The company is a not for profit organisation in which none of the 3 company directors receive financial remuneration for the work they do on behalf of the company. There are no employees or members and all monies raised are put back into community events.

As a town council member my interests lie in supporting activities which promote our community and benefit the inhabitants of Ammanford. As a representative of this community I maintain a non-prejudiced approach to all matters concerning Ammanford Town Council and its support of local organisations. However there seems to be a distinct negative approach from the Labour members of our town council in relation to involvement of Plaid Cymru members in activities deemed to be potentially positive within the community. With Labour having held power for so many years and with a 53% to 47% split between the parties, we are in the minority, all too often out voted when common sense might suggest that a positive outcome should be achieved.

As a member of the Ammanford On Track Team I have regular contact with members of a whole range of organisations who are involved with events in Ammanford during the calendar year. This contact gives me valuable insight into the support these organisations might need and information that I may share with my council colleagues. Some of these have and still do receive funding from Ammanford Town Council, CCC and ATAT, including the Ammanford Twinning Association, Ammanford Rotary, Ammanford Chamber of Trade, the AEP and Menter Bro Dinefwr. I have participated in many events over the last two years involving these organisations. I provide voluntary assistance when required in the form of transportation, physical labour, the loan of equipment and intellectual support.

Some Ammanford Town Councillors do not possess the skills, resources or initiative to support and participate in large scale community events. For this reason it is all the more important that I make an effort and join other town councillors who do get involved. As I have the skills and resources at my disposal, along with the wish to do my bit for the community, I make every effort to participate, voluntarily offering my services.

(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:

Jonathan Gwynn-Evans

Date:

21 / 05 / 2016

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 person's disability