

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

APPLICATION for a dispensation under Section 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Carmarthenshire County Council Standards Committee are requested to grant the Member/s listed below a Dispensation to cover the interest/s declared in Section 2 below. My reasons for requesting same are set out in Section 4

SECTION 1	Name(s) of Member(s)	Name of member's authority
	Shahid Hussain	Cwmaman Town Council

SECTION 2	Matter to be discussed on which member seeks dispensation
	Relocation of Glanamman Post Office from it's current location (99 Cwmamman Road , Glanamman) to Petro Express Ltd (Cwmamman Road, Glanamman) (it is only 200 yards away)
Date of meeting at which the matter is to be discussed:	Thursday 3rd September 2015

Dispensation being sought to speak and vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dispensation being sought to speak only	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 3	The interest which the member must disclose, and the nature of that interest in relation to the matter to be discussed
	I own and operate Petro Express Ltd. I have already been given approval for the move from Royal Mail. Having successfully, submitted a business plan and passed an interview

SECTION 4**Criteria for seeking dispensation**

- ~ 50% of members affected
- ~ Political balance would be affected (county borough only)
- ~ No damage to public confidence
- ~ Common interest with general public
- ~ Justified because of special expertise
- ~ Scrutiny committee business and not financial interest
- ~ Voluntary organisation and not financial interest
- ~ In the interests of inhabitants

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(See appendix for more details)

SECTION 5

Reason/s in support of my/our application (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

I am the only councillor on the council with knowledge of how the Post Office Local model works. This is the model that will be adapted regardless of where the Post Office moves too. I have been through this process previously last year in one of my other business premises. The move was completed successfully and local people are happy with the new setup. Again the Post Office was moved from its current location to my petrol station across the road. I managed the change and hand over personally and it caused no disruption to either my business or the Post Office.

In regards to the Post Office Local model. I am aware of the potential hazards/pitfalls as well as the advantages. I am aware of the risk and liabilities involved in taking on this project. Other councillors are assuming it will be run as a normal Post Office, which will not be the case.

Royal Mail have already approved the move. The only reason it is up for discussion is that local residents would rather see it moved to the local community centre. If this were to happen, Cwmaman Town Council would effectively be taking over the Post Office and be the "Postmaster".

Royal Mail have said that they would rather see the Post Office move to Petro Express (my premises) and that the option of the local community centre is not viable.

The cost/risk implications to Cwmaman Town Council are huge, and these have not been made clear to either local residents or to the Council.

Therefore I am seeking dispensation to talk and vote on this move as I want to make sure Cwmaman town council has all the information/ hazards/costs etc before making a decision.

The final decision will still rest with Royal Mail. If they see the Community centre as not a viable option then it does not matter what the Council say.

SIGNED

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(Member of County Council)

DATED:

24-8-15