

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022.

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Present: R. Hendicott (Chair), L. Tinsley (Vice-Chair); R. Alexander, P. Hallett and G. Watkins (Independent Members); Councillors J.E. Charles and C.P. Franks.

### 194 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

### 195 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor R.M. Birch.

### 196 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

The following declarations were received –

Councillor J.E Charles made a retrospective declaration of interest having regard to her dispensation application at Agenda 6 on the agenda of the last meeting of the Standards Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

Councillor Franks declared an interest in relation to Appendix 1 to Agenda item 3, in view of his application that was contained amongst the reshaping applications, and also in respect of his applications in relation to Appendix 3 to agenda item Agenda 3. Councillor Franks was not present at the meeting when the applications relating to Appendix 1 to the report and his applications at Appendix 3 were being considered.

Mr. G. Watkins declared a close personal association with regard to Councillor Asbrey’s application and was not present at the meeting when the application was being considered.

## 197 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION (MO/HLDS) -

The Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 permitted Members to apply to the Standards Committee to speak, and if appropriate, to vote on issues which due to prejudicial interests, they might not otherwise be able to speak or vote on or remain in the room.

At the last meeting of the Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 it was agreed that a special meeting be arranged prior to the August recess to consider the late applications, save for the Reshaping late applications, that had been received after the despatch of the agenda.

During the consideration of some dispensation applications that had been submitted the Committee sought further information as follows:

- With regard to Councillor Franks' application, the Standards Committee queried his position with regard to the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre and the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern. The Committee was informed that Councillor Franks was a voluntary member/trustee of both organisations.
- With regard to Councillor Driscoll's application in relation to Holton Road the Monitoring Officer advised that a previous application had been granted to speak only following the Local Government Elections in 2017 and therefore as a consequence of the May 2022 Local Government Elections a new application was required to be submitted. Having regard to the fact that Councillor Driscoll owned properties that he rented on Holton Road, and the substantial length of Holton Road, the Committee considered that should Councillor Driscoll believe that he did not have a personal and prejudicial interest in matters affecting the top end of Holton Road and that they did not have any relevance to his business or properties at the other end of Holton Road that he be advised to seek further advice from the Monitoring Officer should matters affecting that area be discussed at Council meetings.
- In considering Councillor Cowpe's application for dispensation, relating to Reshaping and Library Services, the Monitoring Officer advised that it would be beneficial for the Committee to request that a detailed application relating to an application for dispensation in respect of the Library Services part of the application be submitted.
- In considering the four applications from Llandough Community Council due to the number of trustee appointments being made by the Community Council as trustees of the Llandough War Memorial Institute, the Committee agreed that two members out of the four namely Councillor Edwards ( Chair) and Councillor Misra (previous Chair) be granted dispensation to speak and vote on matters with the remaining two members being granted dispensation to speak only, having regard to paragraph (a) of the circumstances when a Standards Committee may grant dispensations.

Following the discussions at the meeting as outlined above it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the dispensations as set out in the schedule below be granted up to the date of the next Local Government Elections :

<b>Member Requesting Dispensation</b>	<b>Paragraph(s) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 Under Which Dispensation is Granted and as applied for</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Councillor A. Asbrey	(a), (c) and (d)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on topics connected with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's reshaping programme when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Councillor M. Cowpe	(a), (c) and (d)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on topics connected with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's reshaping programme when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Councillor V.P. Driscoll	(a), (c) and (d)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on topics connected with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's reshaping programme when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Councillor C.P. Franks	(a), (c) and (d)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on topics connected with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's

		reshaping programme when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Councillor J. Lynch-Wilson	(a), (c) and (d)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on topics connected with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's reshaping programme when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and St. Athan Community Council meetings
Councillor P. Carreyett	(a)	Dispensation granted to speak only, at Llandough Community Council meetings on matters relating to Llandough War Memorial Institute as a Principal Trustee of the charity
Councillor M. Edwards	(a)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote at Llandough Community Council meetings on matters relating to Llandough War Memorial Institute as a Principal Trustee of the charity
Councillor D. Mears	(a)	Dispensation granted to speak only, at Llandough Community Council meetings on matters relating to Llandough War Memorial Institute as a Principal Trustee of the charity
Councillor Dr. M. Misra	(a)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote at Llandough Community Council meetings on matters relating to Llandough War Memorial Institute as a Principal Trustee of the charity
Councillor V.P. Driscoll	(d) and (f)	Dispensation granted to speak only, where issues are raised in respect of Holton Road, Barry at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.
Councillor C.P. Franks	(d), (f), (g) and (h)	Dispensation granted to speak only, on matters relating to Dinas Powys

		Library and Activity Centre (including grant applications) when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Councillor C.P. Franks	(d), (f), (g) and (h)	Dispensation granted to speak only, on matters relating to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (including grant applications) when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson	(c), (d), (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on matters relating to arts and events within the Vale of Glamorgan when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Council meetings
Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson	(c), (d), (f) and (g)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on matters relating to sports facilities within the Vale of Glamorgan when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Council meetings
Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson	(c), (d) and (f)	Dispensation granted to speak and vote on matters relating to community centres when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Council meetings
Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby	(d) and (f)	Dispensation granted to speak only, on issues relating to Telecare and Care Package services at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.
Councillor D. Willmott	(i)	Dispensation granted to speak only, at St. Athan Community Council meetings on matters relating to St. Athan Community Hub and Library (SACHaL) (including grant applications)
Councillor M.R. Wilson	(d), (f), (g) and (i)	Dispensation granted to speak only, on matters

		relating to Penarth Fairtrade Forum at Vale of Glamorgan Council Meetings.
Councillor M.R. Wilson	(d), (f), (g) and (i)	Dispensation granted to speak only, on matters relating to Glyndwr Hall Committee at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.
Councillor M.R. Wilson	(d), (f), (g) and (i)	Dispensation granted to speak only, on matters relating to Cardiff and Vale College at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.

(2) T H A T Councillor Cowpe be informed that in relation to the request for dispensation relating to Library Services, as contained within the reshaping application within the agenda, that the matter be considered for determination at a future meeting of the Committee following a more detailed application being submitted, should Councillor Cowpe wish to do so.

(3) T H A T Councillor Driscoll be advised that in relation to his request for dispensation, having regard to the length of Holton Road, should Councillor Driscoll believe that he does not have a personal and prejudicial interest in matters affecting the top end of Holton Road and that they do not have any relevance to his business or properties that he seeks advice from the Monitoring Officer.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with the regulations and obligations for the grant of dispensations to speak and vote.

(2) To allow for the submission of a more detailed application to be submitted for consideration.

(3) Having regard to the length of Holton Road and proximity to Councillor Driscoll's properties.