

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Standards Committee: 21st September, 2017

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Applications for Dispensation

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider applications for dispensation.

Recommendation

That the Standards Committee consider the applications on matters as set out in the completed proformas attached.

Reason for the Recommendation

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

Background

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

Relevant Issues and Options

3. In order to deal with the applications as quickly as possible, it is necessary for the Standards Committee to receive full information of the interests involved and why in the Member's opinion dispensation should be given.
4. At the last meeting of the Standards Committee on 13th July, 2017, applications for dispensation were received from Llandough Community Council for Councillors P. Carreyett, B. Hill, M. Edwards and Dr. M. Misra and are attached as an Appendix to this report. At that meeting Members of the Committee considered that there was insufficient information to make a decision and clarity was sought on the requests for dispensation as the Committee wished to understand the Councillors' role in relation to the Llandough and Leckwith War Hall Memorial Committee.
5. To this end, invitations to the Clerk of Llandough Community Council and / or the Councillors were extended to attend the next meeting of the Standards Committee to

further clarify the dispensations sought prior to the Committee making a decision on the matter. The Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer has received confirmation that the Clerk and / or a representative will be in attendance at the meeting to present the applications.

6. The applications being as below:

- Application for dispensation from Llandough Community Councillor P. Carreyett to speak and vote on all matters concerning the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Hall Committee (paragraph (d)).
- Application for dispensation from Llandough Community Councillor B. Hill to speak and vote on all matters concerning the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Hall Committee (paragraph (d)).
- Application for dispensation from Llandough Community Councillor M. Edwards to speak and vote on all matters concerning the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Hall Committee (paragraph (d)).
- Application for dispensation from Llandough Community Councillor Dr. M. Misra to speak and vote on all matters concerning the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Hall Committee (paragraph (d)).

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

7. None as a direct result of this report.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

8. None as a direct result of this report.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

9. The Council is required to comply with the Standards Committees Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Crime and Disorder Implications

10. None as a direct result of this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

11. None as a direct result of this report.

Corporate/Service Objectives

12. One of the roles and functions of the Standards Committee (as detailed in the Council's Constitution) is to consider granting dispensations to Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor Representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.

Policy Framework and Budget

13. This report does not affect the Council's policy framework and budget.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

14. The report does not involve any consultation with other parties.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

15. None.

Background Papers

Standards Committees Grant of Dispensations (Wales) Regulations 2001

Contact Officer

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Officers Consulted

None.

Responsible Officer:

Ms. D. Marles, Monitoring Officer

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**



**Application for a Dispensation to the Standards Committee under
Section 2 of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales)
Regulations 2001**

Name of Councillors	See attached
Address	See attached
Name of Member's relevant Authority and Ward	Llandough Community Council
Nature of Dispensation sought	Permission to speak and vote on all matters concerning the Llandough and Leckwith War Memorial Hall Committee
Date of meeting / issue to be discussed (if known)	This is an application for a blanket dispensation for all meetings of the Community Council
Do you seek a dispensation just for the one meeting or for a longer period? If longer, please state a period. <i>(N.B. All dispensations granted expire at the next Council elections.)</i>	The Councillors seek a dispensation for the period up to the next Community Council elections.
Level of dispensation sought <i>(i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)</i>	Speak and vote
Relevant paragraph(s) under which dispensation can be granted <i>(See (a) to (i) overleaf)</i>	DSC1 (d)

<p>Details of the Prejudicial Interest</p>	<p>The four members are appointed by the Community Council as trustees of the Hall Committee. The Council is the principal trustee of the Hall.</p>
<p>Details of any Position of responsibility / control held on your Council (e.g. <i>Chairman / Vice-Chairman / Cabinet Member</i>)</p>	<p>Councillor Misra is the Chairman of the Council for 2017/18 and Councillor Carreyett is the Vice-Chairman.</p>
<p>Reason(s) to support the application and why you consider the Standards Committee should grant a dispensation</p> <p><i>(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)</i></p>	<p>The support for the village hall is an important function for any Community Council and the Hall Management Committee regularly reports to the Community Council on matters concerning its work and occasionally seeks financial support to cover the costs of repairs and improvements. With 4 members of the Council acting as Trustees and with a Council membership of 10 Councillors there may be occasions when a meeting is inquorate due to the Trustees having to leave the Chamber due to their personal and prejudicial interests.</p>




SIGNED *Faulstich* (Chair) DATED *30/5/17*

Each section of the form MUST be fully completed. Incomplete forms will be returned and not be considered until properly completed.

*Please return completed form to:
Democratic Services Section, Directorate of Resources*

COUNCILLORS WHO ARE APPOINTED TRUSTEES OF THE LLANDOUGH AND LECKWITH WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Membership to be Councillors Collier, Carreyett, Hill, Edwards and Dr Misra.

Name of Councillor	Address	Signature requesting dispensation as per covering form
Patricia Anne Carreyett	16 Penlan Rise, Llandough, Penarth CF64 2LS	
Brian Charles Frederick Hill	10 Downfield Close, Llandough, Penarth CF64 2PY	
Michael David Edwards	34 Spencer Drive, Llandough, Penarth CF64 2LR	
Dr Mohan Charles Misra	Pen-y-Bryn, Leckwith Road, Llandough, Penarth CF64 2LY	