

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

9th July, 2010

Chairman: Mr.G.T.Pullen

Vice Chairman: Mrs.L.J.Rees

Independent Member: Mrs.J.E.Howells

NPTCBC Member: Councillors A.J.Taylor

Officers in Attendance: D.Michael and Miss A.M.Farrell

Apologies: Councillors Mrs.L.H.James, E.Loaring, M.Evans and H.Thomas.

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the 28th January, 2010, be accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

- It was noted that the Draft Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on the Members' Code of Conduct was currently being amended in the light of representations from the Monitoring Officers.
- The Monitoring Officer, Mr David Michael, updated the Committee on the latest position with regard to the referral from the Ombudsman, which was to be dealt with at today's meeting (9th July). The Committee noted the reason for the need to defer the matter and agreed to convene a meeting on 6th August, 2010 at 9.30am in Neath, subject to the availability of the Community Committee Member or his Substitute and the Ombudsman's representatives.

Report of the Monitoring Officer

2. **GRANT OF DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 81(4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 – NPT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY EMPLOYED BY THE COUNCIL**

The Committee considered the above circulated Report and the urgent tabled Report.

RESOLVED: that the list of Member dispensations set out in the circulated and tabled reports, as given as Appendix 1 hereto, be granted up to the first Standards Committee in the Civic Year 2011/12, and that the Members listed in that Appendix be granted dispensation to speak and vote at meetings of the Council and its Committees, in respect of the matters given in the above circulated report, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the circulated report.

3. **MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS**

The Committee considered the above circulated Report and the urgent tabled Report.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the dispensation relating to Councillor H.M.Bebell being reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee, the applications for dispensation set out in the circulated and tabled reports, as given in Appendix 2 hereto, be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulations 2(d) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - to speak and vote, or to speak only if appropriate, these dispensations be granted up to the first Standards Committee in the Civic Year 2011/12.

4. **GENERAL GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS - SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The Monitoring Officer referred to the decision of this Committee on 29th May, 2009, to grant the above dispensation to School Governors and recommended that this general dispensation be further granted up to the first Standards Committee in the Civic Year 2011/12.

RESOLVED: that the general dispensation previously granted to all Members who are school governors under Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001, to speak and vote on education issues including the Strategic Schools Improvement Programme, be granted up to the first Standards Committee in the Civic Year 2011/12.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX 1

**Grant of Dispensations under Section 81(4) Local Government Act 2000:
Employment – Applications**

Councillor	Employment Dispensation
D. W. Davies	His sister-in-law is employed as a Nursery Nurse.
Mrs. J. Hopkins	Her husband is employed as an ICT Research Officer.
I. B. James	His wife is employed as a permanent parking attendant.
Mrs. L. H. James	Her daughter-in-law is employed as a Parking Attendant.
Mrs. O. Jones	Her niece is employed as a Teacher.
E. V. Latham	His son is employed as a Parks Attendant.
Mrs. M. A. Lewis	Her daughter-in-law is employed as a Support Teacher.
A. Llewelyn	His wife is employed as a Teacher.
J. D. Morgan	His wife is employed as a Teaching Assistant.
W. E. Morgan	His daughter is employed as a Clerk in Blaengwrach School.
L. Purcell	Her ex-husband is employed in Social Services, Health and Housing.
P. A. Rees	1) His daughter-in-law is employed as a School Clerk. 2) His Son is employed by the YOT Team.
P. D. Richards	His wife is employed as a Specialist Behavioural Outreach Worker.
J. Rogers	1) His daughter is employed as a Teaching Assistant. 2) His son is employed as an Admin Officer.
A. N. Woolcock	His niece is employed as a modern apprentice.
H.M.Bebell	His Niece is employed in Environment Services as a Project Co-ordinator

APPENDIX 2

Applications for Dispensations: Miscellaneous

**Circumstances set out in Regulation 2(d) of the Standards Committee
(Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001**

Councillor	Subject of Dispensation	Extent of Requested Dispensation
H. M. Bebell	Extension to building at Elba Crescent and Baldwins Avenue Crymlyn Burrows. <i>(This matter to be reviewed at next meeting of the Standards Committee)</i>	Speak only
A.P.H. Davies	One Voice Wales matters.	Speak and Vote – NPT and Coedffranc C. C.
J. Dinham	Integrated Children’s Centre	Speak and Vote
A. Llewelyn	Ystalyfera Development Trust. Strategic housing matters even when they relate to housing associations.	Speak and Vote Speak only
J. Miller	1) Employment in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University NHS Trust together with LHB business pending reorganisation. To speak on the matters declared provided that it shall not cover any other personal interests of the Member. 2) As a Member of Melyn Community Conference which is a voluntary organisation and his position is unpaid.	Speak only Speak and vote
P. A. Rees *	Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council	Speak and Vote

**denotes a Member who is appointed to these bodies by the Council and therefore already have a partial exemption by virtue of the provisions of the Code of Conduct*

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P. D. Richards	1) Matters relating to Youth Offending Panel of Neath Port Talbot CVS 2) Matters of general, commercial and retail development, subject to the condition that the dispensation does not apply to any planning application by or transaction with the Co-operative Group, or with any subsidiary or related enterprise	Speak and Vote Speak only