

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

23rd March, 2007

Chairman: Mr. R.Gwyn Davies

Vice Chairman: Mr.D.Pickrell

Independent Member: Mrs.J.Burgess

NPTCBC Members: Councillor Mrs.P.J.Thomas

**Community
Committee Member:** Councillor R.J.Davies

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

1. **MRS CAROLE JOHN – HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES/
MONITORING OFFICER**

The Chairman and Members of the Committee referred to the recent sudden passing of Mrs. Carole John, Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer. Tributes were paid to Mrs John's professionalism and the advice and assistance given by her to the Standards Committee over the years. Mrs John would also be remembered for her warmth of character and genuine desire to help. Deepest sympathies were extended to Mrs John's family at this very sad time.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting:-

R.J.Davies - Minute No. 3 – School Governors' Dispensations:
as he was a School Governor.

Mrs.P.J.Thomas - Minute No. 3 – School Governors' Dispensations:
as she was a School Governor.

R.J.Davies - Minute No 7 – Individual Community Councillors
Dispensation applications: as he was a member of the
organisations concerned.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the undermentioned meeting of the
Committee, be approved:

17th November, 2006.

Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

3. **APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF A GRANT OF DISPENSATION
TO LOCAL COUNCILLORS AS SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

(Councillor Mrs.P.J.Thomas and Community Councillor R.J.Davies
disclosed an interest in this matter and did not speak or vote on their own
applications)

RESOLVED: that the Councillors listed in the above circulated and
addendum reports, and as set out in Appendix 1
hereto, be granted a dispensation to speak and vote at
meetings of the Council and its Committees, on
matters where those Councillors have an interest as
Governors, subject to the Terms and Conditions
specified in the above reports – these dispensations to
expire on 31st March 2008, to enable further
reconsideration by this Committee of the same in the
light of any National Assembly for Wales Guidance
which may be received.

4. **APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT OF DISPENSATION RECEIVED RELATIVE TO EMPLOYMENT – NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY EMPLOYED BY THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED: that the individual Members of Council, as given in Appendix 2 hereto, 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 and addendum reports (as summarised in Appendix 2), subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in the reports – these dispensations to expire on 31st March 2008.

5. **APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF A GRANT OF DISPENSATION BY COUNCILLORS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL’S SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

(Councillor Mrs.P.J.Thomas disclosed an interest in this matter and did not speak or vote on her own application)

RESOLVED: that the Members of the Council Scrutiny Committees, as set out in Appendix 3 hereto, be granted dispensation to speak and vote on issues relating to the business of the Council as described in the above circulated and addendum reports, subject to the Terms and Conditions specified in the reports – these dispensations to expire on 31st March 2008.

6. **APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF A REGRANT OF DISPENSATION SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTY BOROUGH MEMBERS**

RESOLVED: that the Councillors listed in Appendix 4 hereto, be regranted their individual dispensations as set out in the above circulated and addendum reports, subject to the Terms and Conditions originally specified by the Standards Committee - these dispensations to expire on the 31st March 2008.

7. **APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF A REGRANT OF DISPENSATION TO INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS**

(Community Councillor R.J.Davies disclosed an interest in this matter and did not speak or vote on his own application)

RESOLVED: that the undermentioned Community Councillors be regranted their dispensations as set out in the above circulated and addendum reports, and as summarised below, subject to the Terms and Conditions originally specified by the Standards Committee - these dispensations to expire on the 31st March 2008:-

<u>Comm.Cllrs</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Dispensation</u>
*R.J.Davies (Resolven CC & Standards Cttee Member)	One Voice Wales	Speak and Vote
*R.J.Davies (Resolven CC)	1. WAG Training Advisory Council 2. CHC – WAG Nominee 3. Swansea Trust LHB	Speak and Vote on all three bodies (at meetings of RCC)
<i>(*Member of Standards Committee – interest disclosed)</i>		
A.P.H.Davies (Coedffranc TC)	One Voice Wales	Speak and Vote
E.Page & P.Newman	Amman Awel Tawe Windfarm	Both Speak (only) (Cwmllynfell CC &Rhiwfawr Action Group)
B.Jones (Cilybebyll CC)	Friends of the Earth (membership)	Speak and Vote

8. **REVIEW OF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Committee received the Deputy Monitoring Officer's report in respect of the above Code of Conduct and the timetable which set out the intentions of the Welsh Assembly Government to progress to conclusion the review of the Members' Code of Conduct. It was noted that further reports would follow as matters progressed.

RESOLVED: that the above report be noted.

9 **FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The following dates were noted: Fridays at 9.30am in Port Talbot: 13th July, 2007; 16th November, 2007; 14th March, 2008.

10. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 24 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

Private Oral Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

11. **LEGAL BRIEFING**

RESOLVED: that the Committee notes the oral report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer in respect of Judicial Review proceedings.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX 1

DISPENSATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS WHO ARE ALSO SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Councillor H.M. Bebell	Councillor J. Dinham
Councillor Mrs. C. Edwards	Councillor J. D. Edwards
Councillor A. H. Evans	Councillor Mrs. J. Hopkins
Councillor H.N. James	Councillor M.L. James
Councillor E. Jones	Councillor Mrs. J. Jones
Councillor Mrs O. Jones	Councillor E. V. Latham
Councillor A. S. Lewis	Councillor Mrs. M. A. Lewis
Councillor A. Llewelyn	Councillor E. Loaring
Councillor J. Miller	Councillor Mrs S. Miller
Councillor C. Morgan	Councillor J. D. Morgan
Councillor W. E. Morgan	Councillor J. Myers
Councillor Mrs. S. Penry	Councillor D.M. Peters
Councillor P. A. Rees	Councillor C. E. Richards
Councillor P. D. Richards	Councillor Mrs. P. E. Spender
Councillor T. J. Sullivan	Councillor A. Taylor
Councillor Mrs. P. J. Thomas	Councillor A. J. Tutton
Councillor D. Vaughan	Councillor D. L. Williams
Councillor I. D. Williams	Cllr Mrs. L. G. Williams (regrant)
Councillor A. N. Woolcock	Councillor L. W. Willis
Councillor D. V. Funning	Councillor A. P. H.Davies
Councillor P. G. Lloyd	Councillor J. Warman
Councillor J. Rogers	Councillor H. G. Rawlings
*Councillor G. D. Owen	*Cllr Mrs. L. G. Williams (new)
*Councillor D. K. Davies	*Councillor Mrs. L. H. James
<i>Councillor R.J Davies</i>	<i>Councillor H. Thomas</i>

Notes:

- (1) *New applications approved (in case of Mrs L.G.Williams – new School added)
- (2) Changes taken into account: Councillor E.V.Latham – now Vice Chair of Tywyn Junior School and Councillor A.Taylor now Chairperson of Sandfields Primary School
- (3) Councillors H. Thomas and R.J Davies are Community Councillors and also Community Committee Member and Substitute Member respectively, on the Standards Committee.

APPENDIX 2

DISPENSATIONS RELATIVE TO EMPLOYMENT BY THE AUTHORITY

Councillor	Relative	Employing Directorate/Body
Councillor Mrs J. Hopkins	Husband	Environment
Councillor E. Jones	Daughter-in-law	Social Services
Councillor Mrs O. Jones	Niece	Central Infants School
Councillor Mrs O. Jones	Brother	Environment
Councillor E. V. Latham	Son	Environment
Councillor A. Llewelyn	Wife	Education
Councillor J. D. Morgan	Wife	Education
Councillor W.E.Morgan	Daughter (1)	Education
Councillor W.E.Morgan	Daughter (2)	Education
Councillor J.Myers	Daughter	Social Services
Councillor P.A.Rees	Daughter-in-law	Education
Councillor C.E.Richards	Wife	Education
Councillor P. D. Richards	Wife	Social Services
Councillor L. J. Davies	Son	Environment
Councillor Mrs M.A.Lewis	Daughter-in-law	Education
Councillor Mrs M A. Lewis	Niece	Education
Councillor D. Vaughan	Wife	Chief Executive (YOT)
Councillor L. W. Willis	Niece	Environment
Councillor P.G.Lloyd	Daughter	Celtic Trust
Councillor P.G.Lloyd	Daughter-in-law	Social Services
Councillor J.Rogers	Daughter	Education
Councillor J. Rogers	Son	Social Services/Housing
Councillor Mrs L.H James	Daughter-in-law	Education
Councillor Mrs L.H.James	Daughter-in-Law	Environment/Traffic Warden

Note: all the above are re-applications for dispensation

DISPENSATIONS FOR MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

POLICY AND RESOURCES
Councillors H.M. Bebell, A. Llewelyn, Mrs S. Miller (Vice Chair), J. D. Morgan, W.E. Morgan, J.Myers, J.D. Edwards, Mrs. P. E. Spender, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs L. H. James and *M. L. James
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION
Councillors J. Miller, M. L. James (Chairperson), L. J. Davies, H. N. James (Vice Chair), I. D. Williams, Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Mrs. L. G. Williams, Mrs. J. Jones, Councillor E.V. Latham, *A.H.Evans, *L.W.Willis and *D.K.Davies
Children's Service Scrutiny Sub Committee
Councillors J. Miller, M. L. James (Chairperson), L. J. Davies, Mrs. L. G. Williams, Mrs. J. Jones and *H. N. James (Vice Chair)
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION
Councillors J. Dinham, E. Jones, A. S. Lewis, A. Llewelyn, C. E. Richards, Mrs. P. J. Thomas, D. L. Williams and * Mrs. C. Edwards
ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS
Councillors Mrs. J. Hopkins, Councillor E. Loaring, J. D. Edwards, A.P.H.Davies, *I.D.Williams and *J.Warman
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING
Councillors J. Miller, Mrs. S. M. Penry (Vice Chair), P.D. Richards, A. Taylor, H. N. James, Mrs. P. J. Thomas, H.G.Rawlings and *Mrs. C. Edwards

** new applications approved*

APPENDIX 4

INDIVIDUAL COUNTY BOROUGH MEMBER DISPENSATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Dispensation</u>
Councillor H.M. Bebell	M.R.E.C (premises affected)	Speak only
Councillor Mrs C. Edwards	Local Health Board Membership (financial interest by way of Employment NPTCBC nominee)	Speak only
Councillor Mrs O. Jones	Local Health Board Membership (NPTCBC nominee)	Speak and Vote
Councillor A Llewelyn	Trothwy Cyf Housing Association (Officer)	Speak (only)
Councillor A Llewelyn	Ystalyfera Development Trust (Member)	Speak and Vote
Councillor J. Miller	AMICUS Melyn Community Conference	Speak (on O/S Cttee) Speak and Vote
Councillor Mrs S. Miller	UNISON Melyn Community Conference	Speak only Speak and Vote
Councillor C Morgan	Health Board Membership (Non Council Nominee)	Speak (only)
Councillor P.A. Rees	Neath Port Talbot Governors Association	Speak and Vote
Councillor P.A. Rees	Swansea Bay Race Equality Council Membership	Speak and Vote
Councillor A. N. Woolcock	Health Board Membership (NPTCBC Nominee)	Speak and Vote
Councillor J. Dinham	Integrated Children's Centre (Now the Chairperson)	Speak and Vote
Councillor P. D. Richards	Youth Offending Panel Neath Port Talbot CVS	Speak and Vote Speak and Vote
Councillor D. Vaughan	Interests on Outside bodies (as previously listed)	Some Speak only Some Speak and vote
Councillor A.P.H.Davies	One Voice Wales (Coedffranc TC)	Speak and Vote