

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Neath)

**Members Present:**

**31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013**

**Chairman:** Mr.G.T.Pullen

**Independent Members:** C.L.Jones and Mrs.B.Richards

**NPTCBC Members:** Councillor A.L.Thomas

**Community  
Committee Member:** Councillor Mrs.S.Davies

**Officer in Attendance:** D.Michael

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1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013, be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:-

Councillor Anthony J.Taylor's dispensation should read 'School Transport and not 'School Improvement', in Appendix 1 to Minute No. 4(a).

**Report of the Head of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer**

2. **GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS RENEWALS UNDER SECTION 81(4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 – NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY EMPLOYED BY THE COUNCIL**

Members received an overview of the circulated report and noted the following amendments:

- Councillor Anthony J.Taylor – School Transport, not School Improvement.

**RESOLVED:** that the list of Member dispensations set out in the circulated report, as given as Appendix 1 hereto, be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2(d) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001, 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 circulated report, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the circulated report. These dispensations to run to the Standards Committee meeting which follows the Annual Meeting of Council 2014.

3. **MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** that the applications for dispensations set out in the circulated report and 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 to run to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting of Council 2014.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the general dispensation previously granted to all Members who are school governors be further granted in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2(d), (e) and (g) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak and vote on education issues, including the Strategic Schools Improvement Programme.

5. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Members were informed of the terms of office of current Members of the Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted, and the Head of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer be authorised to speak with Mr.M.Evans to ascertain his intentions about continuing as a Member of the Standards Committee.

6. **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 16 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

**Private Report of the Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer**

7. **REFERRED FROM OMBUDSMAN**

Members were given a verbal update on the private circulated report. The Head of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer had received a letter from the Ombudsman who was minded to refer the matter to the Standards Committee under Section 70 (4) of the Legal Government Act 2000, but required a view as to whether the Standards Committee would be likely to impose a sanction.

Following discussion, Members were minded that, given the circumstances of the case, it was unlikely that the Standards Committee would apply a sanction.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

**CHAIRMAN**

**Appendix 1**

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Employment Dispensation</b>
H. M. Bebell	His niece is employed in Environment Services as a Project Co-ordinator
P. Bebell	Her niece is employed in Environment Services as a Project Co-ordinator
D. W. Davies	His sister-in-law is employed as a Nursery Nurse.
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
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.
P. A. Rees	His daughter-in-law is employed as a School Clerk.
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
D. Whitelock	1. His wife is employed as a mobile cleaner in the Environment Directorate. 2. His daughter works at Cwmavon School as a lunch time supervisor
A. N. Woolcock	His niece is employed as a Training and Development Support Officer

**Appendix 2**

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

<b>Member</b>	<b>Subject of Dispensation</b>	<b>Extent of Requested Dispensation</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>
A. P. H. Davies	When One Voice Wales is under consideration in Coedffranc Community Council or NPTCBC meetings	Speak and Vote	Reg 2 (d)
A. Llewelyn	Ystalyfera Development Trust.	Speak and Vote	Reg 2 (d)
	Strategic housing matters even when they relate to housing association.	Speak only	Reg 2 (d)
J. Miller	1) Employment in ABMU - LHB	Speak	Reg 2 (d)
	2) Melyn Community Conference	Speak and Vote	
Mrs. S. Miller	1) Employment in ABMU - LHB	Speak	Reg 2 (d)
	2) Board Secretary Melyn Community Conference	Speak and Vote	Reg 2 (d)
P. D. Richards	1) To speak and vote on matters relating to the Youth Offending Panel.	Speak and Vote	Reg 2 (d)
	2) To speak only and not vote, on matters of general, commercial and retail development, subject to the condition that the dispensation will not apply to any planning application by or transaction with the Co-operative Group, or with any subsidiary or related enterprise.	Speak only	Reg 2 (d)

**Appendix 3**

**Grant of General Dispensation - School Governors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Speak or Vote</b>
Cllr. Sandra Miller	Governor – Grandchildren of school age	School Improvement/ School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. John Miller	Governor – Grandchildren of school age	School Improvement/ School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Sheila Penry	Governor – Grandchildren of school age	School Improvement/ School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Arthur Davies	School Governor	School Improvement/ School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Alun Llewellyn	Child of School Age	School Improvement/School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. John Rogers	Grandchildren of school/college age	School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Anthony J. Taylor	Children of school age	School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Alan Carter	School Governor	School Improvement/ School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Eirion Richards	School Governor	School Improvement/ School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. Hugh James	School Governor	School Transport	Speak only
Cllr. J. D. Morgan	Child of School Age	School Transport	Speak only