

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 3 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

**Members Present:**

**16 March 2018**

**Chairperson:** Mrs J.E.Howells

**Independent Member:** C.L.Jones

**NPTCBC Members:** **Councillors** A.L.Thomas and S.E.Freeguard

**Community Committee Member:** A.Carter

**Officers In Attendance:** D.Michael, C.Griffiths and T.Davies

**Apologies:** G.T.Pullen and Mrs.B.Richards

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1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER, 2017**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December, 2017, be confirmed as a correct record.

2. **GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS AND RENEWAL OF GRANTS UNDER SECTION 81(4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000**

At this point in the meeting Councillor A.L.Thomas withdrew from the discussion and voting thereon, in order to maintain the Quorum of the meeting (at least three Members including the Chairperson (or in absence Vice Chairperson). At least half the Members present (including the Chair) must be Independent Members. (e.g. if only two Independent Members attend, there must only be two other Members of the Committee present.).

Members considered applications received for Miscellaneous Dispensations and Standard Dispensations for School Reorganisation, as detailed in the circulated report.

Members noted that since the report had been produced, Councillor S.K.Hunt had withdrawn his application for Miscellaneous Dispensation as Vice Chair of Friends of Cefn Coed Colliery Museum, as he had resigned from his position on the Board.

Members also noted that Councillor D.Whitelock had since applied for a Standards Dispensation for School Reorganisation matters, as he has grandchildren of school age.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the applications for dispensations set out in paragraph 1.2.2. (Councillor S.K.Hunt having withdrawn his application) be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2 (d) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak and vote as set out in Paragraph 1.2.1. and that the dispensation runs to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2018, and the following conditions be applied for the dispensations:-
- That the matter under consideration is a general report concerning the budget of the County Borough Council;
  - That the matter under consideration relates to the funding of the Cefn Coed Colliery Museum itself and not to the funding of the Friends of Cefn Coed Colliery Museum;
  - That the dispensation will only apply during periods when the Cefn Coed Colliery Museum is owned and operated by the County Borough Council.
- (b) That the applications for dispensations set out in paragraph 1.3.4. (including Councillor D.Whitelock) be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2 (d) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 in the standard form as set out in Paragraph 1.3.2. to speak but not vote and that the

dispensations run to the Standards Committee with follows the Annual meeting 2018.

3. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 4 below, the Chairman agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

4. **MEMBERSHIP OF ADVISORY PANEL**

That Cliff Jones, Independent Member, be selected to serve on the Advisory Panel to consider applications to become Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

**CHAIRPERSON**