

Application to the Standards Committee for a Dispensation

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS EVERY PART OF THIS FORM IS COMPLETED

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

1.1 Your name

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1.2 Your council GWYNEDD

Tywyn Town Council

1.3 Your address and contact telephone no.

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2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST

2.1 What is the item in question?

Ynysmaengwyn.Bryncrug Tywyn

As a town council all members are trustees of the Ynysmaengwyn Trust and members of the Caravan Park management committee.

2.2 How does your interest in the item arise?

Ynysmaengwyn has a static caravan site, a touring site for caravans and tents.

I run a member's only certificated 5 van caravan club site

The profit from the Ynysmaengwyn Caravan site goes to the Ynysmaengwyn Trust of which I am Chairman.

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3. DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION

3.1 Are you applying for a dispensation to (a) speak and vote or, (b) to speak only?

To speak and vote

3.2 Are you requesting:

(a) a dispensation for a particular meeting? If so please provide details below:

or

(b) a general dispensation so that you can take part whenever the matters arises?

A general dispensation to take part and vote at all meetings of the Ynysmaengwyn Caravan Park committee meetings.

4. Regulations prescribe the circumstances in which the Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. These grounds for granting a dispensation are summarised below and are set out in full in the attached guidance notes. On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

• at least half of the members considering the business has an interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my inability to participate would upset the political balance of the meeting to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation would not damage public confidence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• the interest is common to me and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input type="checkbox"/>
• my participation in the business is justified by my particular role or expertise;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• the business is to be considered by a scrutiny committee and my interest is not pecuniary	<input type="checkbox"/>
• the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board I am a member and I have no other interest	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Please explain below why you believe the Standards Committee should grant your application (i.e. why do you think that you should be allowed to be present as a member when the matter is discussed, even though you have a prejudicial interest?).

The certificated Caravan Club site that I run is for members only and not open to the general public, which is exempt from planning and licensing.
Under the rules of the Caravan Club all we are expected to offer members is a cold water standpipe and disposal facilities.

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The people who stay with me would not want to stay on a large commercial site like Ynysmaengwyn. Likewise the people who stay at Ynysmaengwyn would not want to stay on my site with very basic facilities. My competition is not Ynysmaengwyn but the other five caravan club sites in the area. We are in a different market.

We have had recent advice from the Monitoring officer about how the Town council should be running the committee which is different to how it has been run for the past thirty years since I became a member of the Trust and committee.

After local government re-organisation Ynysmaengwyn was originally placed in the jurisdiction of Bryn-crug Community Council. Following representations and meetings with the Charity Commission they agreed that the site should be run by Tywyn Town Council. They also agreed to the way the site should be administered and run. Tywyn Town Council has over this period run Ynysmaengwyn Trust and Caravan Park as separate bodies believing that as members that we were trustees and when dealing with matters appertaining to the Trust that this should be our main and sole consideration. All members of the Town Council over this period have been members of both committees.

I have no particular expertise on the running of Ynysmaengwyn caravan park, only thirty years of sitting on the management committee which meets twice a year under the Chairmanship of whoever is the Chairman of the town council at the time.

I have not personally benefited in any way from having been a member, and my interest has been to ensure that the site is profitable so that the excess profits can go to the Trust to spend on the Green Flag Awarded woodlands which is open to the general public and of which I am the Chairman.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Signed

Rhys Ileyg Jones

Dated

3/3/2016

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Guidance Notes

1. This is the form for submitting an application for a dispensation, i.e. permission to take part in a discussion even though you have a 'prejudicial interest' under the Code of Conduct. Further information regarding interests can be found in the Code of Conduct itself, the Ombudsman's Guidance and the Gwynedd Council 'Interests' leaflet.

2. Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted

The Standards Committee may grant a dispensation if the application comes within one or more of the circumstances listed in *The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001*:

“(a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;

(b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;

(c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;

(d) the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;

(e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;

(f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;

(g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;

(h) the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or

(i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within seven days in such manner as it may specify.”

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