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**Dyddiad/Date:** Tuesday, 8 July 2025

Dear Councillor,

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A Extraordinary Meeting of the Standards Committee will be held Remotely - via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 14 July 2025 at 14:00.**

#### **AGENDA**

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

2 Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council on 1 September 2008.

3 Request For Dispensation

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4 Urgent Items

To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in

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accordance with Rule 4 of the Council's Procedure Rules, and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

I ystyried unrhyw eitemau o fusnes y, oherwydd amgylchiadau arbennig y cadeirydd o'r farn y dylid eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel mater o frys yn unol â Rhan 4 (pharagraff 4) o'r Rheolau Trefn y Cyngor yn y Cyfansoddiad.

**Note: This will be a Remote meeting and Members and Officers will be attending Remotely via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be recorded for subsequent transmission via the Council's internet site which will be available as soon as practicable after the meeting. If you would like to view this meeting live, please contact [cabinet\\_committee@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk) or tel. 01656 643148 / 643694 / 643513 / 643159.**

Yours faithfully

**K Watson**

Chief Officer, Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy

Councillors:

P Baker

R Lynch

S Maughan

G Thomas

Vacancy

Vacancy

G Walter

MJ Williams

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>14 JULY 2025</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>LAURA GRIFFITHS GROUP MANAGER LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>To advise Members of an application received for a dispensation.</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise the Standards Committee of an application received from Cllr Ian Spiller for special dispensation to speak at the next meeting of Laleston Community Council.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Members Code of Conduct was adopted by the Council in September 2008. All Councillors are required to sign an undertaking to abide by the provisions of the Code as part of their declaration of acceptance of office. The Standards Committee has statutory responsibility under the Local Government Act 2000 for monitoring compliance with the Code.
- 2.2 Under Paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct, where a Member has a personal interest which is prejudicial, the Member will be prevented from participating in Council business relating to that matter unless there is a saving provision within the Code, or the Standards Committee grant special dispensation.
- 2.3 The Committee can grant dispensations in accordance with the Standards Committees Grant of Dispensation (Wales) Regulations 2001 and Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000. The circumstances in which dispensations may be granted are outlined below for information:

(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;
- (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.

### **3. Current situation / proposal**

- 3.1 The Monitoring Officer has received an application from Cllr Ian Spiller to enable him to speak at the next meeting of Laleston Community Council on 17 July 2025 as a matter of clarification in relation to minutes of a previous meeting held on 19 June 2025 whereby Cllr Spiller declared a prejudicial interest in accordance with the Code. The application for dispensation is presented as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The Standards Committee can grant such dispensations in accordance with the 2001 Regulations and the 2000 Act as outlined at paragraph 2.3 of the report. The Committee can grant or refuse the application for special dispensation. If the dispensation is granted, then the Committee can impose conditions or restrictions, if they think fit.
- 3.3 If the dispensation is granted, the Member would still declare their prejudicial interest and disclose the nature of the dispensation relied upon before participating in the matter.

### **4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)**

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act 2010, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

**5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives**

- 5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report. This report also assists in the achievement of the following well-being objective under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-

A county borough where people feel valued, heard and part of their community.

- 5.2 Standards are an implicit requirement in the successful implementation of the corporate well-being objectives.

**6. Climate Change and Nature Implications**

- 6.1 There are no climate change and nature implications.

**7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding and corporate parent implications.

**8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**9. Recommendation**

- 9.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the application attached as Appendix 1 and determine whether the dispensation should be granted.


**Background documents**

None

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## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE BY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Name of Councillor	Ian Spiller
Address	3 Carn Wen, Broadlands, Bridgend, CF31 5BW
Electoral Division/Ward	Bryntirion, Laleston with Merthyr Mawr
Nature of Dispensation sought	<p>To clarify points made by 2 councillors on a matter I declared a prejudicial interest on, which should have only to be to set a budget for the event for 2025 as an agreed process was adopted by council in October 2023 to avoid politicisation of the event. The formal update on the event had already been received by council in October 2024, with a recommendation for our finance committee to review the accounts and set budgets, finance made a recommendation under Item 8a. Queries were raised by councillors as follows to:</p> <p>1) Councillor CD stated that a written update I forwarded would not have been provided had it have been known it would have been presented to a public meeting - I would like to seek clarification on this as it's implying I mislead council.</p> <p>2) Councillor CD &amp; CS queried why the Broadlands Community Hub was not registered with the Charity Commission, again I would like permission to formally record that the aims of the Broadlands Community Hub are not exclusively charitable which is why it is a constituted group.</p>
Level of Dispensation sought (i.e to speak only or to speak and vote)	Permission to speak only as a matter of clarification on minutes of Laleston Community Council at the ordinary meeting of council on 17th July 2025, on matters arising from Minutes of meeting of 19th June 2025 - item 8a recommendations from finance committee and item 9 Broadlands Fun Day update.
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation can be granted (see overleaf)	Paragraphs (d - the comments made by Cllr C Davies reduced confidence in the update provided to the authority I'd like to query the update he provided to uphold confidence, e - the event is attended by over 3500 people, f - I've been the Chair of the organisation since 2012, h - the queries regarding the charity commission need to be addressed within the updates to clarify the organisations aims are not solely charitable)
Details of the Prejudicial Interest	Founder of Broadlands Fun Day and Chair of Broadlands Community Hub, the organisation which organises the event.
Details of any Position of responsibility held on Council (e.g Chairman/Cabinet Member	Chair of finance committee
Signed/Date	 24/06/2025

### **Circumstances when Standards Committee may grant Dispensations**

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 specifies that the Council's Standards Committee may grant dispensations under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Wales Act 2000 where:

- (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;
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