


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 & 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;
- (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.