



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON MONDAY, 27TH MARCH 2006 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

M.G. Warrender - Chairman

Councillors:

Community Councillor Mrs. J. Rao
Messrs. L.G. Davies, D.R. Parry and Mrs. E.J. Rowlands

Together with:

I.G. Medicott (Monitoring Officer) and J.A. Fairfax (Members Services Manager)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.J. Pritchard and his substitute K. Etheridge and L.R. Rees and his substitute N. Dix together with Mr. K.C. Mock.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2006 (minutes nos. 1-5, page nos. 1-2) were approved and signed as a correct record.

2. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION

Consideration was given to the report of the Monitoring Officer which included two additional grounds which the Committee could consider in order to grant dispensation over and above the two included in the application. In relation to application (v), the Committee considered that this was not a situation where the interest of the applicant was shared by a significant proportion of the general public. The interest was that the objector is a member of the same ward party and political group and this was not in the Committee's view an interest that was more generally shared by the general public.

In relation to application (vi) the Committee considered that in this particular case the applicant's particular role or expertise, which was seen as being the local member and knowledge of the area, did not justify him taking part in the business of the Planning Committee in light of his declaration of interest.

The Committee paid regard to a previous Ombudsman decision and to the public perception of the applicant's taking part in light of the declaration of interest and considered that public

confidence could be damaged.

The Committee also considered the fact that representations could be made, in accordance with the advice from the Ombudsman, by a colleague from an adjoining ward and that the views of residents could be properly represented in that way.

RESOLVED that taking into account all the factors set out in the Committee report and referred to above the application for dispensation be refused.

The meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN