



STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 10TH JUNE 2013

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT BY: INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the decision by the then Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee in relation to the application for dispensation made by Councillors.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Authority acting through this Committee has an obligation to maintain high standard and probity and conduct throughout the Council and the Community Councils within the County Borough area.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 Nelson Community Councillors Gillian Davies, Ann Gray, Kerry Jones, Pam Baldwin and Anne Blackman who is also an elected Member of Caerphilly County Borough Council applied to the Standards Committee for a dispensation to enable them to participate fully in the debate and vote on a Report to be brought before Nelson Community Council regarding a request for funding from the Nelson Community Council by Nelson Development Trust to finance the next phase of a project to develop the former Nelson Boys & Girls Club.
- 3.2 The project is being taken forward by the Nelson Development Trust a body set up to progress the proposed development.
- 3.3 The Councillors named in paragraph 3.1 are also Members of the Trust and therefore sought a specific dispensation from the Standards Committee to enable them to participate in the debate and vote.
- 3.4 The Councillors were represented by Councillors A Gray and A Blackman.
- 3.5 The applications were made under ground (c) and (h) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulation 2001.
- 3.6 In accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution an urgent meeting was convened on the 10th April 2013 with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee to discuss the applications for dispensation. The Council's Interim Monitoring Officer was in attendance.
- 3.7 The application for dispensation was duly considered by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and were granted to all five Members named in this Report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None arising from this Report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None, this Report has been prepared for information only.

8. STATUTORY POWER

8.1 Local Government Act 2000 and Standards Committee (Grants of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001. This is a Council function delegated to this Committee.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers other than published documents