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**CEREDIGION**

County  
Council

**APPLICATION TO THE ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
FOR DISPENSATION**

**Information**

Please refer to the flowchart which will provide further guidance regarding the need for dispensation.

Members should also be aware of the Code of Conduct and its contents. If you are in any doubt, please contact the Monitoring Officer.

Please ensure that **ONLY ONE** matter is used per form, if there are multiple matters (different cases) please use separate forms.

If you require dispensation for both Town/Community Council **AND** County Council you must use **separate** forms for each application.

**Please send this completed form to:**

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Please note that each section **MUST** be completed. Please refer to the attached Guidance Notes when completing the form.

**1. YOUR DETAILS**

Your full name:	CEREDIG WYN DAVIES		
Council:	County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Town/Community: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Name of your Council:			
Your address:	9 PADARN BRASSENT LLANBADARN FAWR ABERYSTWYTH Postcode: SY13 3QW		
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**2. DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST**

What is the matter being discussed by the Council?	CHANGES TO TRAFFIC FLOW, PARKING, ACCESS TO TOWN CENTRE AND ALL ASPECTS THAT WILL IMPACT THE TOWN AS A LEGACY OF THE SAFE ZONES.		
Describe your prejudicial interest in the above matter, including your connection with it:	OWNER OF 22 GREAT DARTGATE ST TRADING AS A SHOP, MONA LIZA.		
Where will the above matter be considered? (e.g. Cabinet, County Council, Town/Community Council)	County- Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County- Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/>	
	County- Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	Town /Community <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (Please specify)	_____		

Under which paragraph of the Members Code of Conduct (20th May 2016 edition) does your interest fall?

- Paragraph 10 (2) (a)** it relates to, or is likely to affect —
- (i) any employment or business carried on by you;
- (ii) any person who employs or has appointed you, any firm in which you are a partner or any company for which you are a remunerated director;
- (iii) any person, other than your authority, who has made a payment to you in respect of

your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a member;

(iv) any corporate body which has a place of business or land in your authority's area, and in which you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body;

(v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;

(vi) any land in which you have a beneficial interest and which is in the area of your authority;

(vii) any land where the landlord is your authority and the tenant is a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a body of the description specified in sub-paragraph (iv) above;

(viii) any body to which you have been elected, appointed or nominated by your authority;

(ix) any —

(aa) public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature;

(bb) company, industrial and provident society, charity, or body directed to charitable purposes;

(cc) body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy;

(dd) trade union or professional association; or

(ee) private club, society or association operating within your authority's area, in which you have membership or hold a position of general control or management;

(x) any land in your authority's area in which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer;

**Paragraph 10 (2) (b)** a decision upon it might reasonably be regarded as affecting —

(i) your well-being or financial position, or that of a person with whom you live, or any person with whom you have a close personal association;

(ii) any employment or business carried on by persons as described in 10(2)(b)(i);

(iii) any person who employs or has appointed such persons described in 10(2)(b)(i), any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;

(iv) any corporate body in which persons as described in 10(2)(b)(i) have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or

(v) anybody listed in paragraphs 10(2)(a)(ix)(aa) to (ee) in which persons described in 10(2)(b)(i) hold a position of general control or management,

to a greater extent than the majority of—

(aa) in the case of an authority with electoral divisions or wards, other council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the electoral division or ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision; or

(bb) in all other cases, other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the authority's area.

**Paragraph 13** You also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee of your authority (or of a sub-committee of such a committee) where —

(a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by your authority's executive, board or another of your authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and

(b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the executive, board, committee, sub-committee, joint-committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and you were present when that decision was made or action was taken.

**3. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION**

Please provide additional (background/ factual) information in order to clarify/explain your interest further, and assist the committee considering this dispensation application. **(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)**

PLEASE REFER TO ADDITIONAL SHEET.

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**4. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION**

The **Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001** prescribe the circumstances in which the Ethics & Standards Committee may grant a dispensation. The grounds for granting a dispensation are set out below.

On which of the following grounds do you believe that a dispensation should be granted in this case? Please tick the appropriate box(es).

(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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(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;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. GROUNDS FOR DISPENSATION- FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please set out below the reasons why you consider that the Ethics & Standards Committee should grant a dispensation in this case (i.e. Please explain how and why you consider that one of the grounds for dispensation is/are satisfied)  
**(Please note that failure to complete this section will result in the application form being returned to you)**

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(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**6. REQUEST**

Are you applying for dispensation to speak only or to speak and vote?

Speak Only:

Speak and Vote:

Please provide a reason for this:

POTENTIAL PROPOSALS WILL HAVE A LONG TERM IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS I REPRESENT.

**7. DURATION**

What is the requested duration for this dispensation?

**Specific:** ANY MEETING IN WHICH THERE IS ANY DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO PARKING TRAFFIC ACCESS

Specific Meeting(s):  PEDESTRIANISATION

Please specify meeting date(s): STREET CLOSURES IN ABERYSTWYTH.

**General:**

6 months:

12 months:

## 8. DECLARATION


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I request a dispensation in respect of the above matter.

I confirm that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

I agree that this application and all the information contained within it may form part of a public report to the Ethics and Standards Committee.

Signed:



Date:

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(3) Information in support of my application.

In partnership with my wife we run a gift shop known as Mona Liza and have done so for 29 years. The shop is located at 22 Great Darkgate St, Aberystwyth and is located in a part of the town that had seen the establishment of Safe Zones during the last 18 months or so.

(4) Grounds for Dispensation & Further Information

Ceredigion County Council's Gold Command established a Safe Zone in Aberystwyth which encompassed nearly all of Central Ward, the Ward I represent. As I write this request for dispensation the Safe Zones have been lifted but could return in the event that Covid cases increase to such a level that it is decided to re-instate them.

In establishing the Safe Zones changes were made to the traffic flow around the town centre. Footways were extended resulting in less parking being available and new restrictions were imposed on a number of parking bays, again in the town centre.

Such was the amount of work undertaken there is an ongoing discussion amongst officers and councillors as to what will be the legacy of the Safe Zones. Will the extended pavements remain in place? Will the changes to the traffic flow be made permanent? Will the streets pedestrianised during their time as a Safe Zone be pedestrianised as a seasonal measure in order to benefit tourists?

As all of the above measures will have a direct impact on town residents and businesses I would want to be part of those discussions for the following reasons:

1/ As a councillor I have represented Central Ward, Aberystwyth on Ceredigion County Council for the last 17 years. It is the most densely populated ward in the county and it is the ward with the most commercial activity.

2/ As my business is located in the centre of the ward I am easily accessible to all its residents and the businesses there in. There is little that goes on in Aberystwyth that I am not aware of or is not brought to my attention.

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3/ In addition of being a councillor for 17 years I have run one business or another in the town for over 40 years. I believe it would be true to say I know how the town ticks.

I make these points to show that I have an insight and knowledge of the town that neither my fellow councillors or officers might have. With that knowledge I can be of assistance to officers and cabinet members in bridging the gap between the authority and the public, the basic tenure of a councillor.


In having a business in the town I acknowledge and have acknowledged that I have an interest in this matter but that interest I would argue is common to all the other businesses within Aberystwyth Town Centre with many of those businesses seeing me as being their effective mouthpiece when it comes to town centre issues.

Public confidence in me being elected a councillor has always been of importance to me and that confidence has been shown in being elected on four separate occasions despite being a businessman or perhaps because I am a businessman.

If I am unable to participate in discussing these matters the consequences will be that the interest of the ward residents will not be represented. I will fail to represent them not because I don't want to but because of my personal circumstances. The usual practise in this situation would be for a neighbouring ward councillor to step into the breach and undertake the representation. This is not possible in this case as the three adjoining ward councillors are all members of the ruling group.

I am not sure as how this matter will be discussed in council as there is some debate on whether this is an officer matter or is it a councillor matter. Whatever is decided I would like to be part of that discussion in order that I can fully represent the residents of the ward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

  
Cllr Ceredig Davies  
Central Ward  
Sept 6th 2021