

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

15 May 2018

Present: Mr J Daniels, Councillor P Morgan and Mrs V Tomlinson.

(NPA Offices, Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock: 10.00am – 10.50am)

## 1. Election of Chair

It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs J Wainwright be elected Chair for the remainder of her term of office.

## 2. Election of Deputy Chair

It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs V Tomlinson be elected Deputy Chair until 23 September 2019, which was the date upon which the term of office of the previous Deputy Chair would have expired, in accordance with the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001.

In the absence of Mrs Wainwright, Mrs Tomlinson then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## 3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Archer, Councillor R Owens and Mrs J Wainwright.

## 4. Disclosures of interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

## 5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 were presented for confirmation and signature.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 be confirmed and signed.

## 6. Grant of Dispensation

It was reported that two applications for dispensation had been received by the Authority. Councillor P Harries of Newport sought a renewal of the dispensation granted to him by the Standards Committee on 9 November 2016 in order to enable him to continue to participate in the debate regarding the future of the Authority's premises at Long Street, Newport; and Councillor P Kidney of Jameston sought a dispensation to enable him to participate in discussions on planning matters being considered by the Development Management Committee regarding Buttyland Caravan Park in Manorbier. The applications submitted by the Members were appended to the report before the Committee, and these set out their reasons for seeking a dispensation.



a) Application by Councillor P Kidney

The first application to be considered was that of Councillor Kidney, who addressed the Committee, explaining that the agent for the application at Buttyland Caravan Park which was soon to be considered by the Development Management Committee was known to him and was in fact a tenant in a property owned by him. However there was a lot of interest locally in the application and Councillor Kidney wanted to be able to represent the views of the community to the Committee. He also knew the site well and felt that this knowledge would be of benefit to Members.

Councillor Kidney having left the room, the Committee then considered his application. They felt that his role in representing his community was valuable to the Authority and acknowledged that he would not personally benefit from any grant or refusal of planning permission. His tenant's role as agent, rather than an applicant, also made him a further step removed materially.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Kidney be granted a dispensation to speak and vote on planning matters relating to Buttyland Caravan Park, Manorbier. The dispensation to be in force for twelve months, i.e. until the 14th May 2019 and to be subject to any changes in circumstances which might affect the dispensation in the meantime being reported to the Committee in order that they could review the decision.

b) Application by Councillor P Harries

The Committee then considered the application by Councillor Harries who was seeking a dispensation because Newport Town Council, of which he was a Member, wished to lease the Authority's premises at Long Street, Newport through a Community Asset Transfer. Again the Committee acknowledged that Councillor Harries would personally receive no financial gain from the grant of a lease and his local knowledge would be of benefit to the Authority.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Harries be granted a dispensation to speak and vote on the proposal to lease the former Visitor Centre building to Newport Town Council and on any future decisions on the use of the building. This dispensation to be in force for twelve months, i.e. until the 14th May 2019.

