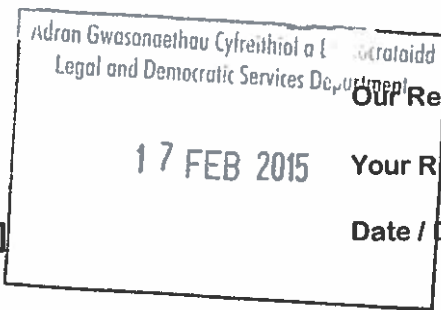




CYNGOR TREF Y
RHYL
TOWN COUNCIL



Our Ref / Ein Cyf: C24/02/wil160215

Your Ref / Eich Cyf:

Date / Dyddiad: 16th February 2015

Town Mayor / Maer y Dref: Councillor / Cynghorydd D. Simmons

Town Clerk / Clerc y Dref: Mr Gareth Nickels

Mr Gary Williams
Monitoring Officer
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Dear Mr Williams

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001

In accordance with paragraph 14.1 of the Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct I have been instructed by the Rhyll Town Council to request that the Standards Committee grant dispensation to all Members of the Council to participate (debate and voting) on matters relating to the Rhyll in Bloom Committee (RIB).

From your files you will note that in 2004 I was able to obtain similar collective dispensation for the then Town Councillors in respect of a number of organisations.

As background the RIB Committee constitution is a community organisation established with the primary objectives of:

- Co-ordinate activities for Rhyll's entry in the Wales in Bloom Competition
- Manage submission of entry in Wales in Bloom competition
- Lobby support from statutory authorities, other groups and individuals in the town and create opportunities for community involvement

I understand that the RIB Committee are seeking to expand its role to operate throughout the year to ensure the attractiveness of the town.

As a consequence of the recent budget decisions by our authorities the Town Council is significantly increasing its budget in respect of grounds maintenance and particularly floral displays.

It is unknown at this stage exactly how this budget will be utilised however it is likely that RIB will be asked to participate in service delivery in some format.

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The Town Council has appointed Councillor S.H. Ratcliffe as its formal representative to the organisation, but a majority of other members are also involved in both a formal and ad hoc basis (i.e. holding offices of the organisation or general membership or assisting during competition times with planting litter picking etc).

As such Members are requesting that the Standards Committee grant dispensation to all Members of the Town Council to participate in debate and voting on matters relating to grounds maintenance issues.

The number of Town Council Members involved and the level of actual involvement at any specific time varies and to avoid having to make numerous on going requests for dispensation, I am requesting that all Members of the Town Council be granted the dispensation until the next normal elections (to include any Members subsequently elected/co-opted to the Council in the interim period).

The application is being made in accordance with Section 2(a) and (d) of "The Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations)(Wales) Regulations 2001" i.e.

2. The standards committee of a relevant authority may grant dispensations under section 81(4) of the Act 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;

(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;

Yours sincerely



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