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13th June 2017.

Re: Bodelwyddan Town Council Dispensation Request under 2(a).

Dear Mr Williams

The Town Council of Bodelwyddan request a Grant of Dispensation from the Standards Committee under the 2001 regulations. We anticipate that the dispensation will be needed for a period of no longer than 12 months.

On the 1st May 2017 the organisation responsible for the day to day running of Bodelwyddan Community Centre sadly closed and is in the process of being legally wound down.

The Town Council decided at its meeting of 24th May 2017 to consider the formation of a new association charged with the future running of the community centre. The group met on 30th May 2017 and agreed unanimously to form a new association "Friends of Bodelwyddan" to operate with the stated aims of:

Working for the well-being of the residents of Bodelwyddan, without distinction of age, gender, political, religious or other opinions by associating the Local Authority, voluntary organisations and local inhabitants in a common effort to advance the feeling of well-being (both physical and mental) and belonging and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreational and leisure time occupation.

To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage such Centre for activities promoted by Friends of Bodelwyddan and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objectives.

The new entity will be a charitable incorporated organisation 'foundation' and is anticipated to be legally formed at a meeting of Friends of Bodelwyddan on 20th June 2017.

As soon as the new entity is established a letter will be hand delivered to all Bodelwyddan residences announcing that the Community Centre will be remaining open "under new management" and that we seek enquiries from parties interested in the use of the facilities as

well as requiring volunteers to help with the day to day running. We will seek ideas for activities that will help fulfil our stated aims.

As the council has only three members and a County Councillor operating under s91 of the Local Government Act 1972 it was necessary for all of the councillors to assume an executive role within the newly formed Friends of Bodelwyddan.

The Town Council has in the past always FULLY subsidised the former association as it has never made a profit despite all services being provided on a voluntary basis. The Town Council are therefore conscious of the fact that they will from time to time be required to consider the matter of donations and grants for the ongoing running and maintenance of the community facilities.

At this point discussions have already taken place and the Town Council is minded to support the group by way of a financial donation.

The last estimate the Community Centre received for improvement works was £42,000. Since that report the boiler has now been condemned and needs replacing before the onset of Autumn/Winter.

The donation will help pay for a key-holder and a cleaner/caretaker until bookings and regular use can be established. None of the executive committee shall take up the paid roles.

Councillor Richard Mainon is willing to attend the Standards Committee to answer any questions or queries relating to the dispensation and how the Town Council aim to manage any perceived conflicts of interest.

We thank you in anticipation for your kind consideration

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Jenny Prendergast
Town Clerk



Mr Lance Daintree
Mayor

Mr James Warner
Councillor

Mrs Joan Barker
Councillor

Mr Richard Mainon
Councillor