



MINUTES OF MEETING

STANDARDS MEETING

MONDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: J Morgan (In the Chair)

Councillors:

J Amos and G Richards

Independent Members:

Ian P Cathrew and David McCarthy

Community Council Representative:

Helen Thomas

Officers:

Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services -
Monitoring Officer)

Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
216	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Nathan Fear. Councillor Clive Tovey did not attend as he is not required for the meeting. Councillor Tovey declared an interest in the previous meeting when this dispensation request was considered and he would therefore not be able to vote on this matter.
217	Declarations of Interest	Councillor Julian Amos declared an interest on Councillor Barrett's dispensation requests as he has publicly expressed support of his position in respect of the location of the Ysgol Y Graig School and may therefore be considered to be predetermined on the issue of whether dispensation should be granted.

218	To discuss issues arising from a dispensation granted on the 28th July 2017	<p>Having declared an interest, Councillor Julian Amos left the meeting.</p> <p>Carys Kennedy referred to Councillor Barrett's original dispensation request considered at the Standards Committee on the 28th July 2017. She circulated Councillor Barrett's dispensation application that was considered at the 28th July meeting where he confirmed that he is a Committee member of Cefn Coed RFC. However, it has been brought to her attention that Councillor Barrett is a Director of Cefn Coed RFC and not a Committee member as outlined in this application.</p> <p>Following e-mails sent to members of the Committee making them aware of this information and seeking members' views, it was agreed that this meeting be convened in order that Councillor Barrett's dispensation request be re-considered in light of this new information.</p> <p>Discussion ensued in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The background of Councillor Barrett's dispensation application. • Cefn Coed RFC's involvement with regard to the location of Ysgol Y Graig. <p>The Committee then invited Councillor Barrett to come into the meeting to explain the circumstances.</p> <p>Councillor Barrett informed members that Cefn Coed RFC was advised by WRU to appoint Directors because this would assist if there were any claims made against them and liability for any harm suffered by anyone at the club.</p> <p>He assured members that he did not consider that the title of Director made any difference to his position, which he always thinks of as being a member of the Committee, as stated in his form seeking dispensation.</p> <p>He also advised the Committee that he did not receive any payments as a Director and is not aware of any formal response by the Rugby Club in respect of the location of Ysgol Y Graig School.</p> <p>Questions were asked by the Committee in relation to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over the public perception of Councillor Barrett being a Director. • Consultation process currently ongoing in relation to the location of Ysgol Y Graig. • Impact on Cefn Coed RFC if this development goes ahead on the playing fields. • The requirements of a Director at Cefn Coed RFC.
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219	Any other item deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Committee were advised of the recent press interest in relation to an elected member of the Authority and it was agreed that the Committee would keep this under review.</p> <p><u>Date of next meeting</u> It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Friday, 17th November 2017 at 2.00 pm.</p>