

Cyfarthfa Ward Councillor

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The Standards Committee
Merthyr Tydfil CBC

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Subject: Application for Dispensation at all meetings of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

1. I seek a dispensation to speak and vote on all housing related matters except those pertaining to Wales and West Housing, where my daughter Alison Chaplin is employed as a community development project officer. I believe that this dispensation meets criteria (d)
2. A dispensation is also sought in respect of the natural heritage of Merthyr Tydfil :- criteria (f). I am the Council's Biodiversity Champion, Chair of the Biodiversity Partnership and a member of Merthyr Initiative Group. It's aims and objectives are listed as Appendix 1.
3. A further dispensation is sought in respect of the historic environment of Merthyr Tydfil:- criteria (f). Prior to to my election as a Councillor, I was a member of the Merthyr Tydfil Heritage Trust and have now been nominated to represent the Council with other Councillor's on that body. See also Appendix 1. Membership of Merthyr Initiative Group.
4. A dispensation is sought in respect of my continued membership as a 'lay person' and company nominee on the Ffos-y-Fran Liaison Committee again under criteria (f). I was a rule 6 participant at the Ffos-y-Fran Public Inquiry, agreed a number of conditions of common ground with the applicant and sought and obtained improvements on biodiversity with them.
5. I am currently the Vice Chair of the Merthyr Tydfil Local Access Forum which advises both CCW and Merthyr Tydfil CBC on access to the countryside. I am unsure whether a dispensation is required on this area of interest perhaps criteria (d) would apply. I am now the Council's Open Spaces Champion and now it's nominated representative on the LAF.

Thank you for your consideration of these dispensation requests.

Yours sincerely

Tony Chaplin

Appendix 1 MIG Aims and Objectives

MERTHYR INITIATIVE GROUP:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Merthyr Initiative Group aims to rescue, conserve and promote areas and items of historic, archaeological and natural history value in Merthyr and beyond, for the improvement of quality of life for present and future generations. It aims to ensure that any use proposed for such areas and/or item is such as would not damage their intrinsic Individual or collective value.

To achieve this M.I.G. intend to:

- Work with and maximise involvement of the local communities in the spirit of Local Agenda 21;
- Promote awareness of biodiversity and sustainability;
- Provide examples of the sustainable use of the countryside, and it opportunities to create employment
- Encourage educational, leisure and recreational usage of such resources by all Age groups in present and future generations.