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Councillors: Ian Hodge, Antony Wren and Teresa Carberry

Co-opted Members:

David Wynn Davies, Ros Griffiths, Jacqueline Guest, Mark Morgan and Gill Murgatroyd

25 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 1ST JULY, 2024 at 6.30 PM

Please note that a training session will be held from 6.00pm to 6.30pm

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. The live streaming will stop when any confidential items are considered. A recording of the meeting will also be available, shortly after the meeting at <https://flintshire.public-tv/core/portal/home>

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team on 01352 702345.

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 DISPENSATIONS (Pages 5 - 6)

Purpose: To receive any requests for dispensations.

Members of the press/public will be able to remain at the meeting whilst an application for dispensation is presented to the Committee and will be able to return to hear the Committee's decision. However, under Paragraph 18C Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 the Committee will exclude the press and public from the meeting whilst it deliberates on any application for a dispensation.

One request has been submitted from Councillor Sam Swash.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

4 REPORTS FROM INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON VISITS TO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND A COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Purpose: To receive verbal reports from Independent Members of the Committee on their visits to the following meetings:

- Bagillt Community Council – 08.11.23– re-visit (Jacqueline Guest)
- Planning Cttee – 25.10.23 (Jacqueline Guest)
- Governance & Audit Cttee - 22.11.23 (Jacqueline Guest)
- County Council – 14.05.24 (David Davies)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO
CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 18a of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains information from a report by Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to a forthcoming hearing, which was received by the council in confidence. The public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing it until such time as the information is revealed during the hearing.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT: PRE-HEARING REVIEW (Pages 7 - 558)

Purpose: To hold a pre-hearing review in order to consider practical details in advance of a hearing relating to a complaint of alleged breach of Flintshire County Council's Code of Conduct for members, in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Council for dealing with complaints referred by the Public Services Ombudsman.


Please note that there may be a 10 minute adjournment of this meeting if it lasts longer than two hours

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE BY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Name of Councillor	Councillor Sam Swash
Address	39 Sheridan Avenue, Flintshire, CH5 3UN
Electoral Division / Ward	Hawarden & Mancot
Nature of Dispensation sought	To represent the residents of Hawarden & Mancot in relation to planning application FUL/000195/24, Land off Gladstone Way.
Level of Dispensation sought (i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)	To make written & oral representations on behalf of residents, as appropriate. To speak at Planning Committee on this application and to remain in the room during the debate.
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (see overleaf)	(d), (f)
Details of the Prejudicial Interest	A family member lives in an adjoining area to the proposed development.
Details of any position of responsibility/control held on Council (e.g. Chairman/Vice-Chairman)	None beyond being an elected Member.

Signed: 	Date: 30/04/2024
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Circumstances When A Standards Committee May Grant Dispensations

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 specifies that the Council's Standards Committee may grant dispensations under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the Members of the Council or of a committee of the Council (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the Members of the Executive of the Council (i.e. Leader and Cabinet) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) Members' inability to participate would upset the political balance of the Council, or any of its committees by which the business is to be considered, to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (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 Council's business;
- (e) the interest is common to the Member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the Member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the Member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the registerable interest relates to business, which is to be considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council, and the Member's interest is not a pecuniary/financial interest;
- (h) the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the Member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the Council and the Member has no other interest in that business, provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or
- (i) it appears to the Standards Committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the Council that the disability should be removed, provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within 7 days. Such a notification should specify the Member to whom the dispensation would apply and the Standards Committee's reasons why the disability should be removed.

Agenda Item 5

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