

# **DISPENSATION PANEL (OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE)**

## **Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 30 April 2026**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b>       | <b>Independent Members</b><br><br>Mr Brace Griffiths (Chair)<br>Mr Trefor Owen<br><br><b>Representing Town/Community Councils</b><br><br>Councillor Iorwerth Roberts |
| <b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b> | Legal Services Manager/Deputy Monitoring Officer (GPW)<br>Committee Officer (SC)   |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>  | Councillor Rhian Jones (Beaumaris Town Council)  |
| <b>APOLOGIES:</b>     | None   |

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Councillor Rhian Jones, a member of Beaumaris Town Council to the meeting of the Dispensation Panel.

### **1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **2 APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION**

The Legal Services Manager/Deputy Monitoring Officer (GPW) reported that an application for dispensation has been received from Councillor Rhian Jones of Beaumaris Town Council. Councillor Jones has sought the advice of the Monitoring Officer, who has determined that the Councillor has a prejudicial interest, due to her family connections with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Beaumaris Chamber of Trade and Tourism.

The dispensation is sought by Councillor Jones to permit her to participate fully in discussions in Beaumaris Town Council meetings in relation to matters involving the Beaumaris Chamber of Trade and Tourism.

Councillor Jones was afforded an opportunity to speak in support of her application. She reported that she is currently the Deputy Mayor of Beaumaris Town Council and could be elected Mayor at the Town Council's Annual General Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026. She stated that if the dispensation is refused, it would cause difficulties with regard to the position of Mayor. She suggested that if the dispensation was granted, a

condition could be imposed where she does not speak on any matters relating to the particular businesses with which members of her family have a connection.

Following hearing the background to the applications for dispensation by the applicant, the Panel retired to private session to determine whether or not to grant dispensation, and if granting dispensation, to consider (i) on what ground or grounds the dispensation is granted and (ii) whether there are any limitations/constraints to be imposed.

**It was RESOLVED to grant a dispensation to Councillor Jones in her capacity as a Beaumaris Town Councillor in respect of those interests referred to in the application. The dispensation permits the Councillor to: -**

- **write to officers and/or the Committee/Town Council about the matter;**
- **speak to officers of the Town Council about the matter, with the condition that the applicant does not speak to officers about the specific individual businesses operated by the people with whom she has a family connection with; and**
- **remain in the room during any debate/vote on the issue;**

**Action:**

- **That Councillor Rhian Jones must declare a prejudicial interest when attending Council and all other relevant meetings.**
- **That the Chair writes to Councillor Jones confirming that the Dispensation Panel has granted the dispensation with limitations as set out in the Decision Notice.**
- **That the dispensation shall expire in 12 months' time from the date of the Dispensation Panel's Decision Notice, namely, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027.**

The meeting concluded at 11:10 am

**MR BRACE GRIFFITHS  
CHAIR**