

***The following application for dispensation was tabled as a discussion document at the Standards Conference Wales 2013. Should the requests be granted?***

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**BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL**

**APPLICATION TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR DISPENSATION**

**ADDITIONAL NOTES AND INFORMATION**

**REFERENCES TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The paragraphs of the Code of Conduct which apply to the interests declared are:

Cllr. I Davies	Para 10.2[b]
Cllr D Gallichan	Para 10.2[b]
Cllr JW Jones	Para 10.2[c]i
Cllr C Theakston	Para 10.2[b]
Cllr RL Roberts	Para 10.2[b] and 10.2[c]v
Cllr JP Zalot	Para 10.2[a]l and 10.2[c]i
Cllr S Zalot	Para 10.2[a]l and 10.2[c]i

**DISPENSATIONS APPLIED FOR**

The Town Council request that:

1. All seven councillors with an interest be granted dispensation to make representations, answer questions and give evidence relating to Marine Conservation Zones both orally and in writing. This will enable their particular knowledge and expertise to be used to help the council come to a decision.
2. All seven councillors with an interest be granted dispensation to participate in any council debate about Maritime Conservation Zones. This will enable their particular knowledge and expertise to be used to help the council come to a decision.

The Town Council recognises that three of the councillors (Cllrs I Davies, D Gallichan and C Theakston) have only a general interest similar to many other people in the town. The other four (Councillors JW Jones, RL Roberts, JP Zalot and S Zalot) have a greater interest having a business interest or holding a position in an organisation which has expressed a view on Marine Conservation Zones. The committee may wish to take this difference into account when deciding the third request:

3. Councillors with an interest be granted dispensation to vote on resolutions about Marine Conservation Zones. If seven councillors have to leave the meeting while the vote is taken there is a risk that council meetings will not be quorate and therefore the Council will be prevented from taking a position on a subject important to the town.

***Signed Town Clerk***