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MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT GENERAL NOTICE OF REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

The Teignmouth Town Council Members' Code of Conduct 2012 can be found in the Council's Constitution.

Important Notes:

- You must register in Appendix A of this Register all **Disclosable Pecuniary interests** that belong to:
 - You, and
 - Your spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife or as civil partner provided you are aware that other person has the interest
- You must register in Appendix B of this Register **all your other interests** as required by the Council's Code of Conduct
- You must register both Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and any other interests within 28 days of whichever is the later of:
 - the date that the Council adopts a Code of Conduct
 - of your election, appointment or co-option on to the Council
- You must register, by writing and telling the Council's Monitoring Officer, of any new interest (or change to any interest already registered) within 28 days of that new interest or change
- You must notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of any interest disclosed at a meeting that is not already in the Council's Register or already been notified to the Monitoring Officer
- The information that you provide on this form will be kept in a Register by the Monitoring Officer which is required to be available for public inspection and will also be published on the Council's website

Sensitive Information:

- Where the Monitoring Officer agrees that any information relating to your interests is sensitive information then that information may be excluded from the public
- You must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing within 28 days of any change which means the information is no longer sensitive
- Sensitive information is defined as information whose availability to the public is likely to create a serious risk that any person may be subjected to violence or intimidation.

Notice of Interests

I,

JOAN LILIAN ATKINS

(insert your full name) being a Member/Co-opted Member of Teignmouth Town Council,

Give Notice below of those interests which I am required to declare under

- The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (The DPI regulations) and
- Teignmouth Town Council's Code of Conduct:

I understand that in so doing I must also declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest of my spouse or civil partner or of any person with whom I am living as a husband or wife or as civil partner if I am aware that the other person has the interest.

Note: Interests declared in paragraphs 1 to 6 (Appendix A) are the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests referred to in the DPI Regulations and Appendix A of the Code of Conduct, and interests declared under paragraphs 7 to 8 (Appendix B) are those referred to in Appendix B of the Code of Conduct

Appendix A

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

1. Employment, Office, Trade, Profession or Vocation

Please give details of every employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain (i.e. profit, salary or benefit in kind) including a short description of the activity e.g. 'Accountant' or 'Farmer'.

Description of employment, office, trade, profession or vocation

Data collection for ESA
Market Research - currently
in Teignmouth Superdrug weekly
but possible holiday cover in
Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Boots, Tesco etc
Only part-time (2 hrs/week) otherwise
retired.

2. Sponsorship

Please give details of any person or body (other than the Parish/Town Council) who has made any payment or provision of any other financial benefit to you in respect of any expenses you have incurred in carrying out your duties as a Parish/Town Councillor or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

None other than share of Lib-Dem.
Local Election Publicity (printed leaflets),
return for which submitted separately as
required

3. Contracts: for Goods, Works or Services with the Council

Please give details of any contracts made between you (or a body in which you have a beneficial interest) and Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.

None.

4. Land

Please give the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any land or property in the Council's area in which you (alone or jointly with others) have a beneficial interest, indicating whether you are the owner, lessee or tenant, including land in which you may have a licence, alone or with others, to occupy for a period of one month or longer.

You must include the land and house you live in and for example an allotment you rent or use.

Diamonds Cottage, 1 Diamonds Lane, Teignmouth
TQ14 9HX

Owner.

5. Corporate Tenancies: Land leased from

Council

Please give the address or other description (sufficient to identify the location) of any tenancy where (to your knowledge) (a) the landlord is Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you have a beneficial interest.

None.

6. Securities: Interests in Companies

Please give details of any beneficial interest in securities of a body where (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Parish/Town Council's area and (b) either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class

Note: It is not necessary to declare the nature or size of the holding, simply the name of the company or other body.

None

Appendix B

OTHER REGISTERED INTERESTS

7. Membership of Other Bodies

Please give details of your membership of, or any position of general control or management, of any bodies in the categories listed below.

Any body or organisation to which you have been appointed or nominated by the Parish/Town Council as its representative	Neighbourhood Plan Town Centre Management Ctte
Any other body exercising functions of a public nature of which you are in a position of general control or management	

<p>Any body directed to charitable purposes of which you are in a position of general control or management</p>	
<p>Any body whose principal purpose is to influence public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are in a position of general control or management.</p>	<p><i>Liberal Democrat Party member</i></p>

<p>8. Gifts and hospitality Please give details of any gifts or hospitality as below</p>	
<p>Individual gifts or hospitality worth more than an estimated value of £50 which you have received by virtue of your office</p>	<p><i>N/A</i></p>

DECLARATION

I recognise that if I fail to comply with the Teignmouth Town Council Members' Code of Conduct or:

- (i) Omit any information that should be included in this notice;
- (ii) Give false or misleading information; or
- (iii) Do not tell the Monitoring Officer of any changes to the information in this notice or new interests I acquire (or those of which I am aware belonging to my partner or spouse in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)

that may be a criminal offence and/or the matter may be referred to the Council's Standards Committee for investigation.

Signed :

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received: 18/6/19

Update

EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS – JOAN ATKINS 30.05.19 – TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

I have read the guidance carefully and provided the form completed as required but I need to add the following.

I belong to several charities, Cat Protection (where I also organise blanket knitting), and Devon Wildlife Trust – but I do not have any position of general control or management in either organisation.

I have disclosed my ownership of my residence. This is located within the relatively new Residents Parking Zone so I necessarily buy a Permit and a book of visitors' permits. I have been a focus for voicing the views of the local residents for about the last 6 months and have also attended the Car Park Working Party for the last 10 years – simply as a representative for the St James area and latterly, this has extended to the whole RPZ. This is not a formal group but I have a list of contact information for those who support the continued existence of the RPZ (132 people at last count – held as a paper record and shared with no-one other than a total, to date). Everyone in the zone, some 280 residences, was invited to express their views to me – only the 132 supporters did – no opposition has been expressed to me from within the zone and I have reported this. I have circulated leafletted information and feedback from meetings at my own expense.

I am clear in my own mind, and with reference to the code of conduct, etc, that this does not represent a registerable interest for Town Council purposes. Indeed, how can I represent the Central Ward residents in the RPZ area if I am not allowed to inform debate and vote. I am no more biased than those that live in the adjoining areas (town centre, part of East Ward and higher up Central Ward) who do not agree that it should continue but would not have to declare that as an interest. Councillor Matthews has told me in no uncertain terms that I must register this as an interest and will not be able to vote when the future of the RPZ is discussed – this makes my position as a representative of my ward untenable, if true, since I cannot acquaint others with the facts and represent the views of the RPZ residents and vote in their support. I was also told, by the same councillor, that, as I pay for a permit, I should register this as a pecuniary interest. This is clearly nonsense since I, and other residents who are eligible and choose to park their cars in the RPZ, pay for a permit and a book of visitors permits if required – none of us get them for free and we all live within the zone as required. I get no financial or other advantage and never done.

Under Dispensations, the recently adopted Conduct of Conduct allows for all concerned who might have an interest shown in App. A or B to be allowed to participate in a discussion and vote even if "he/she has an interest.... if the Council believes that the number of members otherwise prohibited from taking part in the meeting would impede the transaction of the business or if it is in the interest of the inhabitants in the Council's area to allow the member to take part". I contend that I do not have a registerable interest any more than anyone else in this case but if this is contested I will make a request to the Town Clerk for such a dispensation and send an amendment to the monitoring officer.

The form could only be completed after 28 May when the F&GP meeting agreed representation on outside bodies and I was hoping and appointed to sit on 2 of these.

Joan Atkins
30.05.19

