

Kingsbridge Town Council – Councillor Vacancy

There is a current vacancy on Kingsbridge Town Council. A ‘casual vacancy’ was recently advertised but an election has not been called in North Ward and therefore it falls to current Town Councillors to select a new member. In local government language this is known as Co-option. The position is available up to May 2023 when the next local council elections will take place and therefore expressions of interest are now being invited.

Deep breath: applicants must be over 18 years of age; a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen; a Kingsbridge elector or have worked in the area for the preceding 12 months; or have occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant, or lived in the town or within 3 miles of Kingsbridge during the same period. Phew! No formal qualifications are required and the Town Council is made up of people from all walks of life with various personal and professional backgrounds. What you do need however, is a passion for Kingsbridge and a commitment to attend various meetings to make your voice heard. Being a Town Councillor is a big responsibility but incredibly rewarding.

People often ask: what do local councils do? Ultimately, it’s quite simple: the aim is to sustain Kingsbridge as a great place to live, work and play. The Town Council’s task is therefore to engage with the local community, to take on board the needs and wishes of residents, and to try, whenever and wherever it can, to make sure that something is done about them. If it’s not within the gift of the Town Council to directly help then hopefully it can support and lobby on behalf of local residents.

If you require any more information please speak to a current Town Councillor (details available at www.kingsbridge.gov.uk) or contact Martin Johnson, Town Clerk, via email clerk@kingsbridge.gov.uk or call 01548.857073. Application forms are available from the website or from the Council Offices at Quay House. If you are interested completed applications need to be submitted by latest 1200 noon Friday 10 September. It is likely that informal interviews will be held during the week beginning Monday 13 September.

Kingsbridge Town Council
Co-option Application Form

Name	
Home Address	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

Statement in support of application

Please tell us something about:

- Why are you interested in becoming a Town Councillor?
- What experience can you bring to the role? For example: previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, employment record or membership of local bodies/clubs.
- What skills can you bring to the Council? For example: professional qualifications, training, financial or project management expertise.
- Any other information you wish to add in support of your application?

(Please continue on an additional page if required)

Eligibility

Please confirm that you are eligible to become a Town Councillor:

Are you a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union?

YES/NO

Are you at least 18 years old?

YES/NO

Do you meet at least one of the following 4 qualifications?

- a) I am registered as a local government elector for Kingsbridge; or
- b) I have, during the whole of the 12 months preceding the date of this application, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in Kingsbridge; or
- c) My main or only place of work, during those 12 months, has been in Kingsbridge; or
- d) I have during the whole of those 12 months lived in Kingsbridge or within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

YES/NO

A person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor if:

- a) You are an employee of Kingsbridge Town Council? **YES/NO**
- b) You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order? **YES/NO**
- c) You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 3 months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine during the last 5 years? **YES/NO**
- d) You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and said disqualification remains extant? **YES/NO**

Declaration

I hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Kingsbridge Town Councillor and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signed:

Print:

Date:

Your completed application form and eligibility declaration needs to be returned by latest 1200 noon on Friday 10 September 2021:

- By hand or post to: The Town Clerk, Kingsbridge Town Council, Quay House, Ilbert Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1DZ
- By email to: clerk@kingsbridge.gov.uk