

Cyngor Tref Llangollen Town Council.

Agenda.

13.06.2023.

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| 1. Croesawriad a chyhoeddiadau Faer y Dref. | Town Mayors welcome and announcements. |
| 2. Datganiadau gan y cyhoedd.
I dderbyn datganiadau oddiwrth y cyhoedd ar faterion ar yr agenda. | Statements from the public.
To receive statements from the public on matters on the agenda. |
| 3. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.
I dderbyn, ystyried a derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb. | Apologies for absence.
To receive, consider and accept apologies for absence. |
| 4. Datganiadau o Fuddiant.
I dderbyn unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiant ar eitemau ar yr agenda. | Declaration of Interest.
To receive any known declarations of interest in items on the agenda. |
| 5. Cofnodion.
Awdurdodi'r Cadeirydd i lofnodi cofnodion cyfarfodydd blaenorol y Cyngor Tref a gynhaliwyd ar 16.05.2023, fel cofnod cywir. | Minutes.
To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meetings of the Town Council held on 16.05.2023, as a correct record. |
| 6. Hysbysiad o Etholiad (cyfethol).
I gadarnhau ymgeiswyr i hethol ar Gyngor Tref Llangollen. | Notice of Election (co-option).
To confirm the election of candidates on Llangollen Town Council. |

REPORT AUTHOR:
SUBJECT:
REPORT FOR:

Town Clerk.
Co-option.
Decision.

1. Summary.

1.1 To consider co-option's to fill all the vacancies on the Town Council

2. Background.

2.1 The Town Council resolved to co-opt members to fill the vacancies following the resignation of a number of Members.

2.2 The vacancies were advertised by way of public notice within the community with a date set a by which prospective candidates must write into the Town Clerk to the expressing their interests in these casual vacancies of the 31 May 2023.

2.3 Prospective candidates were asked to complete an application and to confirm, their eligibility to stand as a Town Councillor as specified by Section 116 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

3. Candidates.

3.1 By the closing date the following candidates, presented in alphabetical order, had submitted statements.

Mr Neil Geoffrey Edwards

About You:

Please provide the council with some background information about yourself:

I was born in Llangollen cottage hospital and have lived here for most of my life . I am married to Sarah and have two sons both in their twenties and living in the Llangollen area . When my eldest son was young I was heavily involved with Llangollen Youth football and later managed the Llangollen colts . I am passionate about the history of Llangollen and the surrounding areas , I enjoy walking , fishing and until recently was a member of Llangollen golf club . I am in full time employment working for Openreach .
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Reasons for applying:

Please provide the council with your reasons for wanting to become a Town Councillor.

I have been keen to get involved with either the community or town council for some time . I am passionate about my and my family's history with Llangollen and feel that this is an opportunity to be involved in a small way in shaping its future.

Eligibility.

Please confirm that you are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or a European Union citizen 18 years of age or over and meet at least one of the following criteria (please tick)	
You are registered as a local government elector for the Llangollen Town Council area.	
During the whole of the last 12 months, you have occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the Llangollen Town Council area.	
Your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the Llangollen Town Council area.	
You have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Llangollen Town Council area or within 4.8 kilometres.	✓

Mr Damon Richards-Gwilliam
About You: Please provide the council with some background information about yourself:
I am a motivated and hard-working individual with a passion for politics, particularly in relation to my home community. As my family and I are local to Llangollen I am familiar with the area and the community in it. I believe I have an excellent understanding of what the people of Llangollen want and their aspirations for the future development of the town. My involvement in the business community is strong. I have a strong work ethic and currently work in the family-run Cottage Tearooms on Castle Street and also Tyn Dŵr Hall, ensuring the needs of guests and visitors at this 5-Star wedding venue are taken care of. I attended Ysgol Y Gwernant for Primary School and Ysgol Dinas Brân for secondary school and sixth form. From a young age I have had a keen interest in politics and have future aspirations of a career in the field. As a fluent Welsh speaker, I am able to converse in both languages with confidence, something that serves me well in both the roles I have outlined above. I enjoy interacting with the general public and exploring the views and opinions of other people. I am a confident and eloquent public speaker and I believe this will serve me well in expressing a diverse range of views to the Council overall. I am an excellent communicator and enjoy debating a wide variety of subjects. I believe that my skill set, and local knowledge and connections is something that will greatly strengthen the relationship between Llangollen Town Council and the local community.

Reasons for applying: Please provide the council with your reasons for wanting to become a Town Councillor.
I wish to become a town councillor simply to give back to the community, I hope to make a positive impact and make Llangollen a better place for everyone. Working in two local businesses I understand the areas where Llangollen could

change to help them out. Being 19 years old I also see the youth aspect of Llangollen, I feel I'd be approachable to the youth of Llangollen, someone they would be happy to speak to regarding their views on the town. Becoming a town councillor for the town I love would be a great privilege, as it would give me a platform to build on my current understanding in local politics, something that I believe is essential for politics on a more higher level. This knowledge will be extremely valuable in my hopes for a future career in national government. If successful, I would like to create a closer relationship between the town council and the local secondary school Ysgol Dinas Brân, giving the youth of Llangollen a better understanding of local politics and it would also be an excellent way to better understand what the youth of Llangollen would like to see from the town.

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Mrs Rebecca Anne Boyes Heath

About You:

Please provide the council with some background information about yourself:

My name is Rebecca, I was born and raised in the New Forest in Hampshire before travelling to live in both Australia and Canada. I moved to Denbighshire over 16 years ago. I arrived here as a single mother with the goal of bringing my young son (William) up in an area that was safe, community minded and surrounded by natural beauty. I am now married and have another son (Thomas) who was born in Wales. I am a nurse, having worked in local hospitals before becoming a Lead Nurse at Bradley's Practice in Mold, a demographic of 20,000 + patients.

I have always been an integral part of school governing bodies, Froncysyllte, Dinas Bran and now Ysgol Bryn Collen. I volunteer in the Tenovus charity shop in Llangollen, and I take great pleasure in immersing myself in local activities.

I am proud of where I live, I am settled into this area and feel fortunate to be surrounded by Welsh culture and beauty. William (now aged 20) and Thomas (aged 6) both identify with being Welsh and are confident when speaking the language.

I am naturally drawn to people and enjoy meeting new people and networking. I have excellent communication skills and find that I deal with conflict well and also advocate for those who are vulnerable or feel without voice. This has been a tremendous help in my place of work.

I like to problem solve, take on projects and face challenges head on, using common sense, teamwork and innovation to achieve success.

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When I first arrived in this area, I planned to join the local council in the future. I finally feel I can contribute to Llangollen Town Council positively from experience of living here, growing a family in the area and having nursed the health needs of our population.

I have great personal and professional experience that I can use to contribute to decision making locally, with the best interests of our residents at the heart of this. I am used to making informed choices, which may or may not be challenged, but using my personable skills to present those choices sensitively and jointly make a best interest decision.

In the past, I have come across a local issue and always thought to myself, what do I need to do to change or fix that. I have raised issues in the past both locally and outside of the area when I have concerns regarding an impact on safety or our environment. I am passionate and motivated, logical and fair. I feel these qualities will be well used as a Town Councillor.

The role of Town Councillor is varied and having an adaptable nature, I feel I would be suitable. In nursing I am often an advocate for my patients, and I am told I am very approachable, I am a very good listener and with a background in customer service many years ago, I am normally able to identify a concern or query in a timely manner and capture the individual's main points.

I work both individually and as part of a team to develop policies and protocols not only in my professional role but also in the capacity of School Governor.

I would like to be considered to join Llangollen Town Council because I am strongly interested in and passionate about my local community. We have a busy, multi-cultural and thriving town and I would like to be a central part to the

development and maintenance of the area that has provided a home and a community to my family.

I am young (ish), and enthusiastic, I feel I would be well placed in the town council to support the already existing experience and skills.

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3.2 For the candidates that have indicated eligibility by virtue of residing within 4.8 kilometres of the Llangollen Town Council area, this has been confirmed by the Town Clerk.

4. Voting procedure.

4.1 As the number of candidates equals the number of vacancies Members, having considered the applicants, may vote on a composite motion, duly proposed and seconded, that all candidates be co-opted.

5 Recommendation.

5.1 It is recommended that the Town Council considers the candidates and if Members are content, that a composite motion to elect the candidates as Members of Llangollen Town Council is proposed.

6. Reasons for recommendation.

6.1 For probity and good governance.