



Buckingham Town Council

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INTERIM
FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 09 October 2024

Councillor,

You are summoned to an Interim meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEldSifcZC9Q/>

Claire Molyneux
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Co-option of Town Councillor

To receive a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.
Co-option application form.

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4. Motion: Cllr. Harvey

"This Council requests that the Shire Council suspends parking charges on Remembrance Sunday to facilitate those attending to park easily as in previous year's. We hope that the Shire Council will do this to honour the fallen."



Twinned with Mouvaux, France; Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany

Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports, or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

5. Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury

It has become apparent after the recent flooding events, and the concerns expressed by constituents at the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting, that there are significant issues with highways and flooding within Buckingham. The Town Council is the representative voice for constituents and the proposed Motion aims to raise their concerns.

It is Proposed that this Town Council seeks an urgent meeting with Buckinghamshire Council Highways Team at senior level, to discuss both long-term and short-term strategies for addressing highway maintenance and flooding, in line with current legislation ([Land Drainage Act 1991](#)).

Buckingham Town Council also calls for improved planning, in line with current legislation ([casework article](#)), regarding infrastructure and drainage, including sewage, before development is undertaken and seeks a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council Planning Team.

6. New cemetery

To discuss and agree any invitations to the Cemetery "Breaking Ground Photograph" to take place at 1100hrs on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

7. Chair's announcements**8. Date of next meetings:**

Full Council: Monday 4th November 2024
Interim Council: Monday 2nd December 2024

To:

All Councillors

Buckingham Town Council
Interim Full Council
Monday 14 October 2024

Contact Officer: Compliance and Projects Manager

Co-option 2024

1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that Members agree the process for co-option as detailed in section 3 of the report.

2. Background

2.1. Following the resignation of Ryan Willett there is a vacancy in the Buckingham North Ward.

2.2. Buckinghamshire Council previously confirmed that they had not received the required number of requests for an election, so the vacancy may be filled by co-option.

3. Information

3.1. The process will follow that of previous co-options to ensure all legal requirements are met.

3.2. The vacancy is to be advertised locally including on social media.

3.3. Prospective applicants will be required to complete the co-option application form which includes a questionnaire to establish their eligibility to stand, and a personal statement.

3.4. Applications will be published (suitably redacted) and circulated to members with the summons and agenda for the Full Council meeting of 4 November.

3.5. Applicants will be invited to attend the Full Council meeting to briefly further make their case and answer questions from members.

3.6. In the case of their being more than one applicant, a vote shall be taken for each candidate and, unless one candidate achieves an outright majority of those members attending and voting, the candidate with the least number of votes shall drop out and a further vote taken for the remaining candidates until an outright majority for one candidate is achieved.

3.7. In the case of a tie for the fewest votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote for whom to remain in the ballot.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Town Councillor. Please provide the following information to assist the Council in making their decision.

Full name and title	
Home address including postcode	
Home telephone	
Mobile telephone	
Email	

About you:

Please provide the Council with some background information about yourself.

Note: answers in this section will be published and be available to the public.

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Reasons for applying:

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

Note: answers in this section will be published and be available to the public.

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish or town council election, you must, unless disqualified by the Local Government Act 1972, be qualified to be elected [or co-opted] and to be a member of a local authority if he is a qualifying Commonwealth citizen [including a British Citizen], or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, in the case of a local authority in England, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights and on the relevant day [day of co-option] he has attained the age of eighteen years and-

Meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

a) on that day he/she is and thereafter he/she continues to be a local government elector for the area of the authority [the parish]; OR

b) he/she has during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day [of co-option] occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area [the parish]; OR

c) his/her principle or only place of work during those twelve months have been in that area [the parish]; OR

d) he/she has during the whole of those twelve months resided in that area [the parish] or within three miles of it.

1. Under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of Local Council if:

a) They hold any **paid** office or employment of the Town Council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or

b) Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with their creditors (but see below); or

c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since their election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or

d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices; or

e) has been convicted for the failure to register or declare disclosable interests under the Localism Act 2011.

The disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

I. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that their debts have been fully discharged;

II. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on their part;

III. If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In I. and II. above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment or discharge.

In III., it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

DECLARATION

I (insert full name).....
hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Buckingham Town Councillor;
and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature.....

Date.....

The answers provided to the first two, textual questions will be published and used by councillors to help them make their decision.

The personal details and contact details will remain confidential and will only be used for the purpose of communicating with you regarding your application. If you are successful in your application to become a Town Councillor, then your home address and personal interests are required to be made public, unless there is a reason for them to remain confidential.

Councillors are provided with Council email addresses which are made public.