

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM FOR TOWN COUNCILLOR

Ivybridge Town Council welcomes applications for the current vacancy of Town Councillor (which is an unpaid position). To ensure that applicants understand the role of a Councillor, and the commitment in terms of time, it is suggested that you may find it helpful to understand the roles and responsibilities by looking at relevant websites, including www.ivybridge.gov.uk, www.devonalc.org.uk and <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections>

On those websites you can see agendas and background information about Town (Parish) Councils, how they work, the actions and activities that they can undertake and the type of matters that are discussed.

It is hoped that Councillors will bring a range of skills and experience to the Town Council, which can be enhanced with relevant training so that both the individual and the community benefit from the time which you are able to contribute.

The following questions will assist the Council in understanding your background and enable you to focus on the reasons why you wish be involved in the work of a Town Council.

Once you have completed this form please email to townclerk@ivybridge.gov.uk or drop a paper copy in the letter box at the Town Hall, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ. If you have any queries, please email or telephone 01752 893815.

Thank you for your interest.

Applicant:

Name: Katie Reville

Address: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Ward vacancy: IVYBRIDGE WEST

The closing date for this application is

To be eligible you need to be age 18 or over, be an elector and have lived in Ivybridge (or within 3 miles) or had your principal or only place of paid work in the town or owned/been a tenant of land or premises in the town, for the last 12 months. If you have any queries about eligibility, please contact the Town Clerk.

Applicant Name: Katie Reville

1. Please outline why you wish to become a Town Councillor.

Answer:

I would like to be a Town Councillor (again) because I would like to get more involved in the issues affecting our town and help ensure that the decisions made by the council consider the views of green minded, hardworking families that I represent. Having been a Town Councillor in the past for about 5 years I understand the role and the time commitment involved and now that my children are a little older and I have changed my working roles I have the head space and energy to contribute to the activities of the council and would bring a slightly different perspective than before.

I am open to exploring new initiatives for the benefit of the town, to standing up for Ivybridge as the largest town in the South Hams and I really want to help Ivybridge continue its journey to becoming a thriving and sustainable community.

2. What are the main skills and areas of knowledge you can offer the Council (include not only work related skills/knowledge but also that acquired through voluntary work, hobbies etc) and which areas of the work of the Council particularly interest you?

Answer:

I have a good level of understanding of sustainability issues, specifically home energy issues and climate change. I am knowledgeable in fuel poverty, community energy and the newly emerging retrofit agenda and would like to ensure that Ivybridge takes advantage of any schemes available to help our residents to make their homes more energy efficient and green.

I have a good knowledge of the local voluntary sector through my previous role as Group Development Officer in the CVS and understand the value of brilliant organisations such as Ivybridge Caring and the local community transport association to our local community. These organisations need our support in finding funding and volunteers and in promoting their services to those in need.

I am experienced in applying to, and administering, various grant funding schemes, including managing a large national funding programme. I would be happy to contribute to any funding bids that the council is interested in.

In the last year I have become a local Business Owner and this has improved my business management skills including dealing with HR issues, accounting, compliance with regulations, marketing etc. I have recently been juggling two part time roles, with the dental practice and family life and I am at my best when busy and feeling useful.

I am happy to get involved in any of the Councils committees.

3. Please outline groups or volunteering roles that you have previously been involved with for the benefit of the community of Ivybridge (or if only recently relocated to the town, your roles in other communities)

Answer:

In the past I have been involved in PL:21 initiative and have helped to deliver sustainable energy and sustainable transport fairs in the Watermark, as well as other initiatives e.g. developing wildflower areas, cycling campaigns.

In 2016 I helped to set up South Dartmoor Community Energy as a vehicle for delivering home energy advice to residents in the South Hams and to enable the development of community owned renewables and affordable housing. I have recently delivered advice work for SDCE but am no longer a director of the society.

In the past I have been on the committee of Chapel Place Community Centre, my children's school's 'friends association' and have held various roles in the local green party. I have attended the local dementia alliance meetings and still do some fundraising for Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm. To promote energy advice I have attended the Erme and Yealm Caring Alliance .

I try to get involved in local activities such as river cleans, pond clearing and biodiversity enrichment activities, when I can.

Applicant Name:

4. **Only answer if relevant:** If not living in Ivybridge Parish you need to live within 3 miles or work in the Parish. If you are resident outside the Parish, have you ever lived in Ivybridge and why are you applying to be an Ivybridge Town Councillor?

Answer:

5. If you wish to add any other relevant information in support of your application, then please either submit as additional information or outline below.

Answer:

I regularly use facilities such as the Watermark, leisure centre and Longtimber Woods, as well as local shops and try to support community events whenever I can. I understand current issues around the proposed 'budget' supermarket and the pressure for house building in the area. I occasionally use the local buses and trains and would like to see more people give public transport a go, if practical.

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Signed:

Date: 21.7.22

