

Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council needs a new councillor for the North Ward. If you think you could fill this role, please contact the Town Clerk on 01670 851833 or email townclerk@newbiggintowncouncil.gov.uk

MAKE A CHANGE – BECOME A COUNCILLOR



What is a councillor? Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is a Co-option space available on the Town Council following a vacancy in the North Ward.

What do councillors do? Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected Members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
 - Going to meetings of local organisations
 - Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
 - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

To be eligible to stand you must:

- Be a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of a European Union country
- Be 18 or over
- You must be either; on the electoral register for the parish, have lived either in the parish, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year, have been the owner or tenant of land in the parish for at least a year, have had your only or main place of work in the parish for at least a year.

To be eligible to stand you must not:

- Be the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
- Have within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine.
- Be disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority

If, after reading this notice, you are interested in applying, please contact the Town Clerk to the council using the above details. The closing date for applications is the 5th November 2021