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APPLICATION FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Full name	[redacted]
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Mobile number	[redacted]
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It is a condition of being a Community Councillor for Abertillery and Llanhilleth that your phone number and email address (an official email address will be supplied) be made public via notice boards and website.

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR
QUALIFICATIONS
(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below)

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	Yes
Are you aged 18 or over?	Yes

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below)

Are you on the electoral register for a ward within the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area?	Yes
Have you lived either in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	Yes
Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area for at least a year?	Yes
Have you had your only or main place of work in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area for at least a year?	Yes

CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR PERSON SPECIFICATION

Personal Attributes

- Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community.
- Forward-thinking
- Can bring a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Council.

Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability

- Ability to listen constructively
- A good team player
- Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects
- Solid interest in local matters
- Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community
- Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see others' views and accept majority decisions.
- Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly.
- Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships with all members and staff.
- Ability and willingness to work with the Council's partners (e.g., voluntary groups, other Community Councils, principal authority, charities).
- Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training.
- Experience of working or being a member in a local authority or other public body
- Experience of working with voluntary and or local community / interest groups
- Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to town and Community Councils or local authorities

Circumstances

- Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the Council (or meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) at any time of day, and events in the evening and at weekends.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community.

I have Post Grad Dip in youth and community studies and have worked with young people and the wider community of Abertillery for approx. 15 years. I currently work at our family business "Kenny's Vinyl Vault" and have a good understanding of the issues impacting the community through listening to community voice. I have been involved with the Abertillery Aspirations Group and I am also a member of Abertillery and Blaina Rotary club. I am also a director for Zala Wellbeing and deliver health and wellbeing programmes to the community including working with statutory bodies such as Aneurin Bevan Leisure and GAVO.

Forward-thinking – I am creative and able to think ahead and develop new community initiatives that support he wider community. This involves the development of health and wellbeing workshops, liaising with partner agencies, and developing community initiatives. An example of this would be the development of the Mari Llwyd day last year. This also supports and encourages Welsh Culture within Abertillery.

Can bring a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Council. – I am a creative person that has over 20years of working with communities, listening to the people's voice and supporting delegated citizen power and achieving citizen control to create bottom-up approaches within the local community.

I have excellent communication skills and have previously worked in a number of jobs requiring clear and concise communication such as being an NHS nurse, working as a professional youth worker for the local authority and experience of working as a further education lecturer teaching Health and Social Care. I can work effectively as part of a team. I am keen to work on multiple projects that supports community development and active citizenship.

I am passionate about local affairs and supporting new community developments. I have a strong love for Abertillery having grown up in the town and raised a family here.

I am keen to support local people and the town council so that voices can be heard and issues addressed. I have excellent links with the BGCBC having worked with them previously for approx. 10 years and through building good working relationships with different departments. This has given me a good knowledge of legal matters and abiding by council policies and procedures. I have excellent interpersonal skills and can think critically whilst respecting the opinions of others. This supports good working relationships with colleagues and stakeholders.

I am always keen to undertake new training opportunities to keep updated with current issues and to maintain a high level of personal and professional development. I enjoy learning and meeting new people.

(You must be able to answer No to all of the questions below to be eligible to serve as a councillor)

Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?	No
Have you 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?	No
Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	No

With reference to the Person Specification, please tell us something about the skills that you feel you will bring to the Council plus details of, for example, professional qualifications and financial or project management expertise.

Please tell us something about the life experience that you will bring to the Council. Examples may include previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience etc

I hold several professional qualifications. I was a Registered General Nurse for the NHS between 1999 – 2009. I hold a Certificate in Education as a Further Education Tutor and I hold level 2, level 3 youth work qualifications, gaining a level 7 in a Postgraduates Diploma in youth and community studies in 2018.
These previous roles and qualification have enabled me to work effectively alone and a part of team and I have gained many positions in leadership roles, providing support and supervision to teams of professionals.

Having worked for local government for many years I have made excellent links with multiple departments such as schools, youth services, regeneration, and health and safety to name a few.

I have worked in voluntary roles in the past and developed one of the first autistic friendly youth provisions in Blaenau Gwent through the charity One Life.

I now mange Kenny's Vinyl Vault supporting young people with volunteering opportunities, working with local training providers, careers Wales, the job centre and projects such as Trailblazers. I have applied for and managed government funded projects and other funded projects to develop opportunities for our community members.

I am a director for Zala Wellbeing delivering training packages to different sectors that support community members with health and wellbeing strategies, to support positive outcomes and community participation.

Ii feel that my past experience has many transferable skills that would support within the role of a town councillor.

Please outline why you are interested in being a community councillor.

I am keen to support local people, the town and wider community. I am a friendly person who enjoys talking to people and understanding local issues and how they impact individuals and the wider community.

I am passionate about community development, supporting opportunities for our town and community and I have a genuine love for our area, it's history and culture.

I work well with all ages, and I am excellent communicator having studied dialects and supporting synthetises point of moving forward within the community.

I would love to be considered for this role.

Your signature:
[redacted]

Date:
14/11/26

Email your completed application form to clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can post (or hand-deliver) the completed form to The Clerk, Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council, Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE