TOWN MESSENGER

News from Saltash Town Council Konsel an dre Essa





Love where you live? Want to help shape its future?

In May next year, there will be elections for town councillors to represent Saltash for the 4 years from 2017 to 2021. Fancy standing? You don't have to be a member of a political party - you just need to be committed to your community. You'd play a role in determining how to provide, fund and prioritise Town Council services.

Councillors are entitled to an allowance of £200 each year to cover their expenses, but otherwise they volunteer their time. The amount of time you give depends on how committed you want to be, but the bare minimum would be attending the full council meetings, which take place in the evenings of the first Thursday and third Tuesday of every month. Bear in mind, though, that if you want to make informed decisions at these meetings, especially on planning matters, there is plenty of background reading and research to be done. And councillors are expected to sit on one of the committees - it helps make sure that councillors understand the background to issues debated at full council and helps the wheels of the council turn round.

If that is too much time commitment you could get involved in shaping our town's Neighbourhood Plan. It's an opportunity

for local people to get actively involved in setting out a shared vision for Saltash and shaping its development and growth. Help choose where new homes, shops and offices should be built and have a say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.

Neighbourhood Plans enable communities to play a stronger role in shaping the areas where they live and work. In St. Ives, for example, 25% of houses are second homes. and local people felt strongly that any new houses should be reserved for people who live in the area full time. They have included this as a condition in their Neighbourhood Plan, which was passed with an 80% approval rate in May. The condition was challenged in the courts, but in November was found to be legal: the Neighbourhood Plan gave local people in St. Ives the tools to make a difference.

So if you are interested in standing for Saltash Town Council, speak to an existing councillor about their experiences or contact the Guildhall to find out about the information sessions that will be held in January. The Guildhall will also put you in contact with the people shaping our Neighbourhood Plan, or take a look at www.plan4saltash.co.uk



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Saltash Town Council would like to thank everyone who played a role in remembering and honouring those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Especially: the Royal British Legion, Saltash Wesley Church, standard bearers, the Brunel pub and retailers who decorated their windows... and adults and children who attended the town's two-minute silence on Fore Street on 11th November and the Civic Remembrance Service on 13th November.









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