

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

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APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION VACANCY

The Town Council may co-opt as a member any person who is legally qualified to hold such office, and who is willing to serve, provided he or she satisfies at least one of the following qualification categories (please tick the category/ies satisfied):

- A. is registered as a local government elector for the parish
- B. has during the whole of the preceding twelve months occupied as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish
- C. his/her principal or only place of work during the preceding twelve months has been in the parish
- D. had during the whole of the preceding twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles / 4.8 km thereof.

The council meets every 2 months, usually on a Tuesday evening. In addition, there are four committees (Communications & Engagement, Facilities, Planning and Finance & General Purposes), with most councillors being members of two of them. These committees also hold meetings every 2 months, except Planning which meets every 3 weeks. There will then be additional work, dependant on the projects you become involvedwith. Training is available. *The role of a Town Councillor is entirely voluntary and councillors are not paid for being part of the town council.*

Co-Option Application for Vacancy in the * Liskeard Central / * Liskeard South Ward

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name	Robert Andrew Frost
Address	Liskeard
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Which of the above criteria do you meet?	B and D
If you need us to make any adaptations for you to accommodate any disability you may have please tell us what these should be.	
There are none.	

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTARY WORK HISTORY

Please give details of your current employment and voluntary work commitments

I have now entered a stage of early retirement due to the impact of the Covid Pandemic upon my photography business.

I have no other commitments at present but am looking to get involved in the MakingSpace for Nature group at Castle Park.

Please give details of previous employment and voluntary work experience which may be relevant to the role of a Town Councillor

I successfully ran a Family Photography studio within Liskeard Town Centre for five years before moving to the outskirts of Liskeard for an additional ten years up until July 2020.

Prior to this I carried out freelance design work whilst also being employed as a manager in a variety of local and international companies. These range from my early days, following an apprenticeship at Penwell Ltd, Callington, a small printing company with approx a dozen employees up to my final term of employment at St Ives, Plymouth where I managed a pre-press department of 45. My final years at St Ives involved the retraining of staff to take my department into the digital Adobe PDF revolution that brought the use of manual planning to an end and brought in the now accepted use of computerised digital planning.

Following my decision to leave St Ives, Plymouth I have been a tutor at Plymouth University, run an evening class at Saltash College whilst also setting up my Photography studio and Wedding Photography business.

I have been involved with Starts Theatre for many years both on and off stage and provided photography and graphic design for their in-house leaflets and posters for many years up until 2019.

Please give details of your education, experience or outside interests which would help you in the role as a Town Councillor

Educationally I passed 3 A levels and 8 GCSE exams and did a three year Apprenticeship at Penwell Ltd. I also had to pass a Certificate of Teaching prior to teaching at Saltash College.

My obvious outside interest is in photography which brings me into close contact with people of all ages. This has given me an insight into many different backgrounds, ranging from the unemployed through to the very wealthy. I have seen and become aware of many different beliefs and social concepts that have opened my eyes over the years to see the world in a much broader spectrum.

I was a member of St Martins Church for many decades during which I became a Pathfinder Teacher, a leader with my wife, of a Bible house group and eventually a music worship leader at Sunday Worship. I left the Church around eight years ago.

I have a keen interest in the environment which began at a very early age with walks across Dartmoor with my Dad and second eldest brother back in the 1960s. I was heavily involved with the fight against the potential site of a nuclear power station in the Luxulyan Valley and was then a member of Friends of the Earth. I feel very strongly that the world needs to transition very quickly to the use of renewable energy sources to protect ourselves and future generations from the worst of man made climate change.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR?

Why do you want to be a Councillor? What benefits and skills would you bring to the role?

My wife and I have lived in Liskeard since 1979. Our children both were taught at St Martins School, our son going on to Liskeard Community School. We were very active within the School and Church community over many decades. I was a very active member of the Umbrella Project that supplied furniture and other household items to those in need within the town.

I have seen the town evolve over the last 40 years in so many ways. Small local shops have closed whilst the big name suppliers and Supermarkets have moved in. As a family my wife and I have benefited from this, my wife for many years working at Safeways and then Morrisons but I am also aware that this transition has caused many smaller local shops to close down. I know that the town has to evolve and change whilst still holding on to its historic past. It needs new homes, new green spaces and it needs to embrace a new future that is heading our way very fast.

I believe that my long history of working closely with people throughout my working life has enabled me to understand and be able to take to fruition their needs whether it be in graphics, photography or management tasks.

I am able to listen and will take time to assess new information, to compare and contrast and take account of the potential benefits and risks of any decision before making a final determination.

I believe that I now have to the time to commit to the Council the hours needed to do the job correctly. I know that the future of the town and its surroundings are inextricably linked to the well being of all of its present and future inhabitants and that this future is based on the very environment in which we all live. I want to make a positive impact upon this little part of the world in which I, my family and friends have had the privilege to live so as to pass this on to all our children. I believe that big decisions are coming our way post Brexit and with the the impacts of an ever changing climate. I would love to be able to participate in a meaningful way by being a member of the Town Council team and this is why I am now applying. To do good.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have given on this form is true and correct

Signature	R Frost	Date	5th August 2021
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