

# Vacancy at Brecon Town Council - Being a Councillor

**Brecon Town Council** needs a new council member. If you would like to be considered for this role, are over 18 years of age and meet the eligible criteria, we'd love to hear from you. For further details please contact the Town Clerk on 01874 622884 or [email office@brecontowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:office@brecontowncouncil.org.uk)

## What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward. The present vacancy is in the St Mary Ward. Councillors are generally elected by the public every five years, but there is a Co-option space available at the moment for the remaining term.

## 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

## How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour or two a week. There are some councillors who spend a lot more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying please contact the Town Clerk using the above details.

**The closing date for applications is 9am on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**