

CROSTHWAITE AND LYTH PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CO-OPT A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR AND INVITATION TO THOSE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Following the publication of a formal Notice of Vacancy on 06 November for 14 working days, no by-election was called and therefore the Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council (the Parish Council) is able and wishes to co-opt a new Parish Councillor.

General Information

The Parish Council is made up of elected representatives from the local community and is the first tier of local government. It works closely with residents on matters that affect the Parish and works in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the Parish. It seeks to keep Parish assets and infrastructure in good order and undertakes projects and schemes that benefit the locality. It works closely with the Westmorland and Furness Council, helping it and other bodies keep in touch with the local community. As a formal consultee on planning matters it considers and feeds-back its views on planning applications. It employs a part-time Clerk and a Finance Officer. The Parish Council is funded principally through an annual precept which is levied on local taxpayers and reflected in the Council Tax. It uses this to support the administration of its business and to enhance the services provided by other authorities.

The Parish Council is inviting Expressions of Interest from eligible persons from all backgrounds, experiences and abilities to become a Parish Councillor.

Eligible persons are as follows:

- He/she is an elector for the parish; or
- has resided in the parish for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land or other premises in the parish;
- or had his/her principal place of work in the parish; or has lived within three miles (direct) of the parish.

The Parish Council encourages expressions of interest from those with the skills to become a good councillor such as sound communication skills, problem solving, analytical thinking, and being a team player. However, the most important attribute is to care about the community and be willing to take an active role in promoting its best interests.

The period for the submission of Expressions of Interest will open on 12 December 2023 and close on Friday 26 February 2024. Expressions of Interest should confirm that the applicant satisfies the eligibility criteria and provide contact details, some personal background including reference to the skills and attributes that he/she will bring to the Parish Council.

Candidates may be asked to attend an informal meeting with Councillors after the closing date. If there is interest then an appointment may be made at the Parish Council meeting on 05 February 2024.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted by email no later than 26 January 2024 to:

Martin Curry MRICS

Clerk to Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council

crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk

For further information, candidates are recommended to look at the Parish Council website:

(<https://www.crosthwaiteandlythpc.co.uk/>) or for a discussion phone the Clerk on 07388 920410.

Please note that a full election for membership of the Parish Council will take place on 02 May 2024.