



Application for Co-option

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Town Councillor. Please provide the below information to assist in making their decision.

Full Name / Title	Miss Ellie Penhollow
Home Address	██████████ Torpoint, ██████████ Cornwall, United Kingdom
Telephone	██████████
Email Address	████████████████████

About You

Please provide with some background information about yourself and your reasons for wanting to become a local councillor (Up to 300 words)

My name is Ellie Penhollow, and I am applying to become a Town Councillor to serve Torpoint and represent the community. I have wanted to take on this role since I was 14.

Young people's mental health is a key focus. I regularly raise concerns with Cornwall Council and my Member of Parliament to help improve support for youth and ensure their voices are heard.

These efforts are pushed by personal experience; last year, I lost my best friend to suicide, a loss that strengthened my determination to support others and make sure no one in the community feels alone or unsupported.

Alongside this, I am a Cornish speaker and write children's books in Cornish to encourage young people to engage with the language and their heritage. My community and school experience includes running an Eco Schools website, supporting the school library, delivering a presentation on women in STEM, and contributing to community-focused work through the Police Cadets following the Keyham shootings.

I want to become a Town Councillor to help my community, serve the people of Torpoint, and contribute to building a stronger, better town for everyone. I am committed to working constructively with councillors from all perspectives, focusing on what is best for the town rather than party politics, and ensuring my work benefits the whole community.

I, MISS ELLIE PENHOLLOW..... hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of councillor on Torpoint Town Council, and the information given on this form is true and accurate record.

Signature	
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Please return your completed application to:

Camilla Southworth Town Clerk & RFO
 1-3 Buller Road, Torpoint, PL11 2LD
 Tel: 01752 814165 Email: clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

Closing Date for applications: midday Tuesday 9th June 2026

CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR PERSON SPECIFICATION

As a local councillor you will work with other members and officers to make decisions on behalf of your community, supporting local groups and delivering local services. The Council has produced the following person specification as a guide to anyone seek co-option to the council.

COMPETENCY	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Personal Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community. • Forward Thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can bring a new skill, expertise, or key local knowledge to .
Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and their community. • Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute to debate 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 partners (e.g., voluntary groups, other parish Councils, principal authority, charities). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 parish Councils or local authorities. • Experience of delivering presentations