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

Completed applications are to be returned to the Town Clerk, either on paper or by email, to the Town Clerk **by midday on Tuesday 10th May 2022.**

Please note that your name and the information in the “about you” section will be included as part of the supporting papers for the Town Council meeting to assist in the consideration of candidates for co-option.

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| **Full Name and Title** | |  | | |
| **Home address** | |  | | |
| **Home Telephone** | |  | | |
| **Mobile Telephone** | |  | | |
| **Email Address** | |  | | |
| **Please indicate which Ward you wish to stand in. You can stand in all Wards in which there are vacancies but may be asked at the Full Council meeting to co-opt new members to explain the reason for your choice.** | | | | |
| **West Ward** |  | | **East Ward** | No vacancy at present |

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| **About You.** Please provide the council with some background information about yourself. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. |
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**CO-OPTION ELIGIBILITY DECLARATION**

1. In order to be eligible for co-option to Cinderford Town Council, you must be a British subject, or a Citizen of the commonwealth or European Union and, on the relevant date (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or, if there is a poll, the day of the election) be 18 years of age or over. You must also be able to meet one of the following eligibility criteria set out below (please tick which applies to you):

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| I am registered as a local government elector for the parish; or |  |
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| I have, during the whole of twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or |  |
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| My principal or only place or work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or |  |
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| I have, during the whole of twelve months, resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it. |  |

2. Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, a person is disqualified from being elected as a local Councillor or being a member of a local council if he or she is:

a. Holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint Committee on which the council is represented; or

b. Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his or her creditors. This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

i. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his or her debts have been fully discharged;

ii. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his or her part;

iii. If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In 2ai or 2aii above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively.

In 2aiii above, it ceases on the expiry of 5 years from the date of discharge; or

c. Has, within 5 years before the day of election or since his or her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than 3 months without the option of a fine; or

d. Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

**DECLARATION**

I (insert full name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hereby confirm that I meet the qualification criteria and am not disqualified for any reason from holding the office of Councillor at Cinderford Town Council and that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signed: ………………………………………………………………………………………….

Date: ……………………………………………………………………………………………..