

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

18th MAY 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Item 13 – Co-Option to Vacancies on the Council

Purpose of the Supplementary Report

To receive and consider applications received for co-option to Braunstone Town Council for the Millfield Ward (1 vacancy) and for the Ravenhurst Ward (1 vacancy).

Background and Procedure

The report circulated with the agenda sets out the background to how the vacancy occurred, the reason why the Town Council is co-opting to the vacancy, the process for considering applications at the meeting and how the co-options will be made.

Applications Received

Any person interested in being co-opted as a Braunstone Town Councillor had to apply in writing to the Chief Executive & Town Clerk by 9am on Tuesday 16th May 2023 stating how they are qualified to serve as a Town Councillor.

To qualify for co-option, the candidate must:

- be either a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen;
- on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which co-opted) be 18 years of age or over; and
- not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

additionally the candidate must meet one of the following four qualifications:

1. a local government elector in Braunstone Parish; or

have during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day of co-option:

2. occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in Braunstone Parish; or
3. had his/her principal or only place of work in Braunstone Parish; or
4. resided in Braunstone Parish or within three miles of the boundary.

Two applications have been received as follows:

1. Paul Kennedy for the Millfield Ward, dated 11th May 2023 (Appendix 1), and
2. Christiane Startin-Lorent, dated 12th May 2023 (Appendix 2).

The candidates have been invited to attend the Annual Council meeting on Thursday 18th May 2023 to present their case to be co-opted as a Town Councillor and answer any questions.

Fao: Darren Tilley,
Braunstone Town Council,
Leicester

11/05/2023

Dear Braunstone Town Council,

I, Paul Kennedy, been a long-standing resident in Braunstone Town, wish to apply for the vacancy in Millfield ward, as stated on the Town Council's website.

I have served as a Town Councillor on this council for over 10 years already and wish to continue to serve the people in Braunstone Town if elected to do so.

I work with members of the public and wish to continue to work with people who work within Braunstone Town too.

I have had involvements with important issues that have affected the people in this town, like supporting the campaign to keep the library, events at Thorpe Astley, apple day, the Braunstone Town fete, Shakespeare park refurbishment, the campaign against the closure of Forest House G.P surgery, to name but a few.

I seek co-option in order to continue the good work I have already started and hope you will take my letter in the seriousness it has been written in.

Many thanks for reading this,

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Paul Kennedy

84A WOOLAND DRIVE,
BRAUNSTONE TOWN,
LEICESTER,
LE3 3EB

Christiane Startin-Lorent

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12th May 2023

Darren Tilley
Chief Executive & Town Clerk of Braunstone Town Council
Braunstone Civic Centre
Kingsway
Leicester
LE3 2PP

Dear Darren,

Re: Braunstone Town Councillor Vacancy

Having seen the above vacancy advertised, please accept my application below.

I am qualified by meeting the criteria outlined on the Braunstone Town Council website as follows: I am a British and European Union citizen over 18 years of age, not barred from standing as a Councillor and a local government elector in Braunstone Parish.

These are the experiences and skills that I have to serve as a Town Councillor. I have lived with my family in Braunstone Town for over 14 years and know the local area and people very well including the challenges the community and businesses face.

I have previously served as a Town Councillor for Braunstone Town Council, which I thoroughly enjoyed and where I believe I have been able to contribute productively in meetings and decision-making. I take great pride in where I live by taking part with my family in local litter picking and orchard fruit tree pruning. I have also been part of the Speed Awareness campaign carried out in Thorpe Astley.

I am passionate about improving the environment and about driving positive action which improves the lives of those that live and work in our community by working collaboratively with all those involved that can make this happen.

With the skills and experience that I have developed during my life so far and as outlined above, I believe that I can make a positive contribution to our community.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Christiane Startin-Lorent