

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF BRIDGEND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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Please complete the following questions as fully as possible. The selection

of Local Access Forum members is normally determined on your application alone, without personal interview. It is, therefore, important that you provide as much information as you can to assist the selection process.

Continue on a plain sheet of paper if necessary

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Bridgend Local Access Forum?

Please include anything that you feel is relevant to your application for membership. We would particularly like to know why you want to join the Forum, what you can contribute and what you want to achieve.

- SINCE 1976, I HAVE BEEN AN ELECTED COUNCILLOR ACROSS SIX COUNCILS -
- ① MID GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL 1977-1985
 - ② OGWY BOROUGH COUNCIL 1976-1996
 - ③ BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH 1998-1999 and 2008-2012
 - ④ ST. BRIDES MAJOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL 1979-2008
 - ⑤ BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL 1984-TO DATE
 - ⑥ MERTHYR MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2008-TO DATE

A COLLECTIVE TOTAL OF 115 YEARS OF LOCAL COUNCIL SERVICE IN SOUTH WALES.

DURING THOSE YEARS ON ALL 3 COMMUNITY COUNCILS, I HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL FOOTPATH OFFICER INSPECTING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

2. If appointed, how would you fulfil this role?

It is important that all members agree to work within the context of the functions of Local Access Forums as defined in the CROW Act (s.94(4)), see the attached 'Guidance for Prospective Members'.

BEING RETIRED, I AM ABLE TO GIVE ANY FREE TIME REQUIRED BY FORUM DUTIES.

I HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED BY BOTH BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL AND MERTHYR MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION.

3. What particular skills and experience could you bring to the Forum?

Please include relevant interests or pastimes, your knowledge of access/rights of way, areas where you feel you would be able to provide specific advice, and any involvement or membership of organisations whose work is relevant to the LAF.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL WOODLAND TRUST AND NATIONAL MILESTONE SOCIETY.

I AM OBSERVANT OF COUNTRYSIDE RULES AND ISSUES AND HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF RIGHTS OF WAY LEGISLATION AND THE AGENCY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BEBC AND THE 16 COMMUNITY COUNCILS SIGNED UP TO THE AGREEMENT.

4. What experience of access in Bridgend to you have?

Please provide details of what knowledge and experience you have of countryside issues and public access to the countryside in general and the Bridgend County Borough Council area in particular.

THIS HAS BEEN COVERED IN
ANSWERS TO QUESTION No. 1.

5. What opportunities do you have to disseminate information and network with relevant organisations?

It is essential that all members are able to pro-actively pursue opportunities to publicise the work of the Forum within their own area of interest and also amongst others with similar interests within the area covered by the Forum. How would you disseminate information regarding the work of the Forum?

FOR BOTH BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL
AND MERTHYR MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL,
I AM THE LONGEST SERVING SENIOR
MEMBER WITH OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND
FOOTPATH REGIMES WITHIN THOSE, AND
WIDER, COMMUNITIES

I UNDERSTAND I HAVE THE SUPPORT
FROM SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNITY
COUNCILS SURROUNDING BRIDGEND