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FAO Lisa Bolland, Town Clerk
Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Church House
7 High Market Place
Kirkbymoorside
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Dear Lisa,

RE: Councillor Vacancy

I would like to express an interest in becoming a Councillor.

To give you some personal information, my wife, Claire grew up in Kirkbymoorside. We were married at All Saints' Church in September 2006 and bought our first home in Scarborough. We started a family and once our eldest was of nursery school age we wished to return to Kirkbymoorside to be near Claire's parents. My wife also works in Kirkbymoorside and we love living here. My parents have always lived in Scarborough but now they are retired and recently moved to Kirkbymoorside for a better quality of life and to be near our extended family.

Professionally, I served in the Armed Forces for 9 years. On leaving the Army I became a Telecoms Engineer working in Wales but unfortunately this soon came to an end due to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth. Seeking a further career I decided to become a professional driver and I continue to do so.

In recent times before Covid, I decided to become a community firefighter at Kirkbymoorside Fire Station. I was keen to serve my community and I enjoyed the challenges, both mentally and physically that this role gave me. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances I am no longer a serving Firefighter, but I have a desire to continue to serve my community and I am excited to put myself forward to become a Councillor.

I have an awareness of the local area and the issues rural communities face. I care about our community (all ages), and I would like Kirkbymoorside to continue to be a safe and vibrant market town. I am a proactive person with good communication skills and I would like to be a voice for our community.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Bettany