

Town & Community Council elections, by-elections, & MCC by-elections.

TOWN COUNCILS

The LCF officers will ensure a Labour candidate stands for every town council seat in Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow, & Monmouth. Twin tracking is allowed but only for the same ward.

COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Standing for political parties is not common practice In Community Council wards. A member requires the express permission of the LCF to stand on behalf of the Labour Party. Members may stand as unaffiliated in Community Council areas but must make sure there are no Labour Party candidates.

BY-ELECTIONS

- a. Any MCC by-elections will be dealt with by the LCF Officers under the relevant LP rules.
- b. All by-elections in Town Councils should be notified to the LCF Secretary. Where late notification renders the procedure below inoperable the LCF Officers will consult with Branch Officers and (except in very unusual circumstances) take any action required to ensure a Labour candidate is put forward.
- c. The LCF Secretary in conjunction with the relevant Branch Secretary shall arrange for 10 signatures of electors in the relevant ward to be obtained to call the election and for this to be submitted to MCC.
- d. The LCF Secretary shall compile a list of potential candidates who are: paid up members with at least 12 months membership; live within the legal curtilage of the relevant Town Council; and are not a member of any other Town or Community Council. They will use their reasonable endeavours to ensure members on the list are contacted and informed of the process.
- e. The LCF in consultation with the Branch should do their best to address gender equality in the process using established LP processes. If there are more than three members seeking election to each seat a process should be agreed to reduce the number to three.
- f. The Branch Secretary will ensure that a candidate selection meeting is arranged and notified. If a normal Branch Meeting is planned within the necessary timescale it can be used for this purpose and no additional notification need be given. If there is no appropriately planned meeting then a special meeting will need to be called and notified by the Branch. This is required even if there is only one candidate.
- g. At the selection meeting each potential candidate may speak for up to 10 minutes and take questions for up to ten minutes. An LCF officer will attend the meeting and assist as required. Members arriving after the first candidate starts speaking may not vote. This will be followed by a secret ballot of all paid up members present who live within the area of the Town Council in question and have at least 6 months membership.
- h. The LCF Secretary & the Branch Secretary will ensure that two electors from the ward in question and the Candidate sign the appropriate nomination papers and these are submitted to MCC. The LCF Secretary will obtain authority from Welsh Labour to use the Labour Party logo etc.
- i. One election leaflet will be produced and the cost of this will normally be borne by the local branch. If phone canvassing is used the cost will be borne by the CLP.

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