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I would like to bring more openness and transparency to our Board and to use my 30 years' experience as a civil servant to benefit the club and its members.

I'm aware that saying I'm a civil servant might have some of you yawning or (even worse) groaning. But I have skills in people, project and programme management, report writing, minute and record taking, organisation and administration which I think will be very useful to the Board. And I am passionate about supporting local football.

I supported my hometown team of Clydebank as I was growing up – I still go to matches when visiting family. In more recent years, when living in Northampton, I was on the board of the Northampton Town FC Supports Trust, making a contribution to raising funds and ensuring that the supporters remained involved in running the club. This included representing the Trust at council meeting and in media interview.

I believe that, to be effective, the Board must contain a mix of ages, gender, background and skills.

We need people with experience in business, football and life generally but we also need passion and a willingness and ability to roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty. This is particularly so if we are to bring AFC back to Hinckley. I have that passion and willingness.

Unlike a lot of clubs, the member fans here are the owners. I believe that means the Board serves you and should be a lot more open and transparent with you than a non-fan owned club. My pledge to you is, if I am elected, to work hard to bring more openness and transparency to the running of our club.