

Llanhennock Community Council Code of Conduct

Our code of conduct is based on key principles set out for Councillors in the 'Standards of Conduct in Local Government in England, Scotland and Wales'.

The principles provide a framework for channelling the commitment of Councillors in a way which reflects well on the Community Council and its Councillors, giving confidence to the community in the way the Llanhennock Community Council is managed and governed. On recruitment to our Council all Councillors agree to abide by these principles. The principles are set out as follows:

Selflessness

Members must act solely in the public interest. They must never use their position as members to improperly confer advantage on themselves or to improperly confer disadvantage or advantage on others.

Honesty

Members must declare any private interest relevant to their public duties and take steps to resolve any conflict in a way that protects the public interest.

Integrity and Propriety

Members must not put themselves in a position where their integrity is called into question by any financial or other obligation to individuals or organisation which may seek to influence the performance of their duties.

Duty to uphold the law

Members must act to uphold the law and act on all occasions in accordance with the trust that the public has placed in them.

Stewardship

In discharging their duties and responsibilities members must ensure their authority's resources are used both lawfully and prudently.

Objectivity in decision making

In carrying out responsibilities including appointments, awarding contracts, or recommendations members must make decisions on merit. Members must have regard for professional advice of officers and consider the views of others, including their political groups. It is their responsibility to decide what view to take, if required and how to vote.

Equality and respect

Members must carry out duties and responsibilities regarding the need to promote equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of their gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, age or religion – and show respect and consideration for others.

Openness

Members must be as open as possible about all their actions and those of their authority. They must seek to ensure that disclosure of information is restricted only in accordance with the laws.

Accountability

Members are accountable to the electorate and the public generally for their actions, and for the way they carry out their responsibilities as a member. They must be prepared to submit themselves to such scrutiny, as is appropriate to their responsibilities.

Leadership

Members must promote and support these principles by leadership and example to promote public confidence in their role and in the authority. They must respect the impartiality and integrity of the authority's statutory officers and its other employees.

Llanhennock Community Council operate in line with the above principles and regard them always.