



# Dunblane Community Council

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## **Clause 3 Consultation Policy**

### **Background**

This Consultation policy has been prepared to demonstrate how Dunblane Community Council complies with Clause 3 of the Model Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Scotland as issued by Stirling Council in November 2018 at the start of the new Community Council.

### **Information**

The community council makes its presence within the community known in a number of ways - via social media (Dunblane.info website, Facebook and Twitter), as well as using its own notice board on the High Street, by use of another community notice board and other public buildings. We provide contact cards which are available in a number of local retail outlets and other public places.

One of our strengths is the diverse nature of the membership of the Community Council, which results in a wide range of personal networks extending across the town's 9,000 people and includes more formal links to the Dunblane Development Trust, Discover Dunblane and the newly formed Tenants and Residents Association.

### **Engagement**

We maintain an open and inclusive approach, listening to the views, needs, experiences and aspirations of our community. In line with past practice we will bring together concerned residents and the relevant officials and ward councillors, generally at our monthly meetings, but otherwise as necessary. Our meetings are all held in public and we encourage public participation in an inclusive environment.

We receive press coverage on bigger issues from the Stirling Observer which generally sends a reporter to the meetings. We seek to engage in constructive online discussions to try to allow members of our community to contribute to our understanding of sentiment/strength of feeling about local issues, without allowing any one approach to dominate discussions.

### **Consultation**

The Community Council can be a consultee (often a statutory consultee) in other organisations' consultations, where we will seek to express the views of the community, using any evidence gathered via our engagement.



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The Community Council is not resourced to carry out formal consultation exercises. We use our members to establish general community views on most matters, using their networks (physical and virtual), as appropriate, as well as considering the evidence presented and otherwise available, on specific issues, taking a reasonable and proportionate approach. Should more extensive consultation be required, we will work with appropriate public and private bodies, including Stirling Council. On issues that require formal consultation we would normally expect Stirling Council (or others) to carry out this work to which we may contribute.

As the Community Council is often the first point of contact with consultants we will use our contacts and networks to identify others who would be directly impacted by the proposal and so ensure that they may be directly involved in the consultation, supporting them where required.

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