

Your local council in Liskeard plays a vital role in maintaining and improving the town's amenities and supporting the community. Here's a snapshot of what they do:

Key Responsibilities

- **Facilities Management:** They manage allotments, the MUGA and Skate Park, Public Hall Complex, Foresters Hall, the Guildhall and the Town Clock.
- **Public Amenities:** They maintain public toilets at three locations, 33 public benches, the War Memorial, Fountain, Pipewell and certain footpaths.
- **Weed Control:** They handle weed control in the town centre, a task no longer funded by Cornwall Council.
- **Parks:** They have a 10-year management agreement for Westbourne Gardens and have recently taken over Castle Park.
- **Security and Health:** They maintain and monitor eight new CCTV cameras and four defibrillators.
- **Community Engagement:** They manage special projects and events, and handle social media and websites.

Consultation and Policy

- **Local Consultation:** They consult on waste, tourism, education, transport, and planning in Liskeard, as well as local plans and service provision.
- **Government Consultation:** They provide input on legislation that might affect the future of the village, county, region, or country.
- **Policy Formation:** They help form local policies, including neighbourhood and emergency plans.

Why Become a Town Councillor?

- **Make a Difference:** You'll have the opportunity to directly impact your community, improving services and amenities for everyone.
- **Voice for the People:** Represent the views and needs of your fellow residents, ensuring their voices are heard in local government decisions.
- **Personal Growth:** Gain valuable experience in leadership, public speaking and community engagement

What It Takes

- **Passion for Community:** A genuine interest in making your town a better place.
- **Willingness to Learn:** An openness to understanding local government processes and policies.
- **Commitment:** A bit of your time and dedication to attend meetings and participate in council activities.

How to Get Started

1. **Learn More:** Attend a town council meeting or talk to current councillors to get a feel for what the role involves.
2. **Get Involved:** Volunteer for local events or join community groups to start making connections.
3. **Stand for Election:** When you're ready, you can stand for election and campaign to become a councillor.
Read more:
www.liskeard.gov.uk/become-a-councillor-2025

Remember, councillors come from all walks of life, so your unique perspective and skills could be just what your town needs. Do you have any specific questions or concerns about becoming a councillor?

A Councillor...

Who Me?

**Could you be
a Town Councillor and take a
lead in providing services in
your community?**



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A Councillor.... who me?

To be a Town Councillor you must be:

at least 18 and a British, Irish, Commonwealth or European Citizen.

- is either:
 - in the Register of Electors for that Parish/Town **or** has during the whole of the preceding twelve months
 - occupied land as owner or tenant
 - had a principal place of work there
 - resided in or within 4.8 km of it

Becoming a councillor offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on your community. Here are some compelling reasons why you might want to consider it:

Reasons to Become a Councillor

- **Community Advocacy:** Speak on behalf of your local community and help address their needs and concerns.
- **Utilize Your Skills:** Contribute your professional skills and expertise to benefit your community.
- **Shape the Future:** Play a key role in shaping the future of your town, influencing decisions that affect local development and services.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Work with public, private, and charitable organizations to bring about positive changes in your community.
- **Varied Role:** Experience a diverse and dynamic role that can be exciting, challenging, and rewarding.

Being a councillor can be a fulfilling way to give back to your community and make a real difference in the place where you live. It might be challenging at times, but the rewards of seeing positive changes and knowing you played a part in them can be incredibly satisfying.

Being a councillor involves several key responsibilities and commitments. Here's a breakdown of what's typically involved:

Meetings and Time Commitment

- **Regular Meetings:** Local councils usually meet monthly with additional meetings for specific issues.
- **Attendance:** Regular attendance is important to stay informed and participate in decision-making.

Responsibilities

- **Public Register of Interests:** You'll need to complete a public Register of Interests which is published on the Cornwall Council website.
- **Code of Conduct:** Abide by the local council's code of conduct, ensuring ethical and transparent behaviour.
- **Decision Making:** Participate in decision-making processes, including budgeting for local services and facilities.

Skills and Mindset

- **Open Mind:** Keep an open mind and consider different perspectives when making decisions.
- **Community Focus:** Prioritize the needs and interests of your community in all council activities.

Impact

- **Local Services:** Influence how money is spent on local services and facilities, directly impacting the quality of life in your area.

Being a councillor requires dedication and a genuine interest in serving your community. It's a role that can be both challenging and rewarding, offering the chance to make a real difference.

If I am elected

What do I need to know?

- You take your seat on 6th May
- You will need to sign an acceptance before the first meeting
- You'll need to provide us with your contact details so we can invite you to meetings

What would my time commitment be?

- It will depend on the extent of your involvement and what role you choose take in the work of the Council
- Most local Councils meet once or twice a month. The average length of a meeting is 2-3 hours

Can I afford it?

- Councillors are volunteers, but costs for approved travel and subsistence outside of the town can be reimbursed.

What initial help will be given?

- Each Council is supported by a Clerk who is knowledgeable in Council procedures. The Clerk is always ready to advise new councillors.

Will I receive any form of training?

- Training, seminars and courses for Councillors are organised throughout the year across the county.
- Topics include the basic functions of local councils and the skills needed to make decisions on behalf of your community.