

Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council

Community Engagement Policy

1. Introduction

Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council has developed this policy with the aim of constructing a standard for engagement with its residents and partners.

It recognises that the services it provides should aim to reflect the needs of its Parishioners and the locality and that its residents should be involved in decisions affecting them and their neighbourhood and in shaping the future of their Parish.

2. Aims

The Parish Council aims to engage and consult its Parishioners and partners on important issues by:-

- Informing, consulting and involving
- Being inclusive and engaging with all of its Parishioners and partners
- Ensuring views are listened to and used to develop, enhance and improve services, the environment and the quality of life for its Parishioners

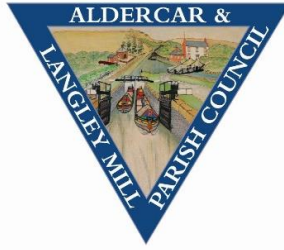
3. Objectives

To improve, plan and shape the future of the Parish according to local needs and priorities:-

- To improve the quality and delivery of services
- To use engagement to inform decision making, ensuring decisions are fit for purpose and meet the needs of the Parish
- To enhance the wellbeing of the Parish
- To be a stronger, more active and cohesive Parish

4. How this will be achieved

Community engagement will be achieved by communicating, consulting, supporting and working together with its Parishioners.



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Information

Annual Report/Parish Magazine

The Annual Report and Parish Council Magazine (produced 4 times a year) are hand delivered to every house in the Parish and are published on the Parish Council website.

Office

The Parish Council Office is open Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Website

The Parish Council website has a wealth of local information and is continually updated. Agendas and subsequent Minutes are placed on the website along with Councillor contact details and useful contacts/links to local organisations including the County and Borough Councils, Parish Council Policies and Procedures, a copy of the Parish Magazine together with numerous other documents which may be of interest to the public.

Noticeboards

The Parish Council have five noticeboards throughout the Parish and these are regularly updated with timely and relevant information for Parishioners.

Involving/Engaging with the Community

Meetings

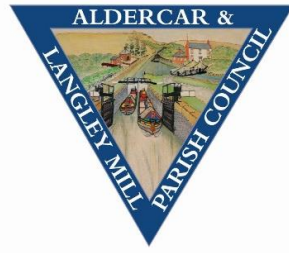
Meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees are open to the public and include an opportunity for members of the Parish to engage with Councillors. All meetings include a time for public participation at the start of the meeting.

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Public Meetings

The Parish Council ensure representation at public meetings in order to gauge public opinion on issues affecting the community.

Local Organisations

The Parish Council has excellent involvement in many organisations. The Parish Council allocates monies under Section 137 of The Local Government Act 1972 in order to be able to financially support local organisations in achieving their aims and objectives.

5. Measuring Success

Annual reviews of the consultation processes and results will be used as a continual improvement process for changes or amendments to the strategy.