



## WEM TOWN COUNCIL

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT GIVING LOCAL PEOPLE A VOICE**

#### **Community Involvement:**

Wem Town Council is committed to:

1. Engaging residents by encouraging them to become actively involved in decisions that affect them and the community.
2. To the delivery of better services by creating a more active and informed community.

The Town Council aims to achieve this by the use of the following strategies:

Making information available on the plans that are being considered and how residents can give their opinions.

Publishing this information on local Notice Boards, the Website and in the Library, The Bulletin, the Wemian and where appropriate, the local press and radio. At times consultations and surveys will be carried out.

#### **Town Council Meetings:**

Dates and details of Council meetings will be published annually  
Agendas will be displayed on the Council Notice Board, agendas and minutes on the website and made available from the office.

Town Council meetings are open to the public and a time is set aside before the start of the meeting for residents to make comments or ask questions. Residents may also submit to the Clerk, items they wish to have raised at a Council meeting. Details on how to do this are available from the Clerk.

Details on how to contact the Clerk or Town Councillors are displayed on the notice board, on the Website, The Bulletin and are available in the Library.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting:**

This meeting is usually held in May and affords the public an opportunity to participate in the full meeting.

It is well publicised and is used for the council to report on the business carried out during the year and to obtain the views of residents on issues affecting the community.

It is well publicised and is an opportunity for electors of the parish to raise issues of concern affecting the parish.

### **General:**

Where assistance has been requested, the Town Council will deal with the request promptly or, where appropriate, ensure that the resident is referred to the correct department of Shropshire Council or to any other relevant authority or organisation.

When dealing with Shropshire Council, or any other authority or organisation, regarding issues affecting the community, the Town Council will ensure that the views of the community are made known.

Individual Town Councillors have taken responsibility for areas of Council work in their role as Committee Chairmen and details are available on the Website or from the Clerk. Councillors will be pleased to meet with members of the public to discuss relevant issues.

The Council also has representation on a wide range of Community bodies, details of which are available on the website or from the Town Clerk.

### **Informing the Public:**

An Annual Report is produced every year and delivered to every household in the parish. The Town Council also produces four newsletters annually giving details of Council activities and decisions. These are distributed in shops, meetings rooms, library and from the Office to members of the public.

A copy of the Town Plan is available from the Town Clerk. Members of the community will be encouraged to become actively involved in addressing the issues and plans that have been highlighted in the plan.

Where appropriate news items will be sent to the local press and radio stations for publication.

Flyers advertising meetings, annual events or special meetings will be placed on the notice board, the Town Council's office, the Library and on the Website.

The Council aims to be proactive in getting information to and obtaining information from all sections of the community, especially the hard to reach groups such as the elderly or housebound.

Where information affects a specific section of the community, the Council will ensure that the information is delivered directly to the Town organisation representing that section e.g. the Senior Club, youth club, mothers and toddlers, etc.

The Town Council will continue to support, assist with and participate in community activities e.g. the annual firework display, Remembrance Sunday and through its membership of the various community bodies.

### **How to contact the Town Council:**

Contact with the Council is via:

The Town Clerk  
Wem Town Council  
8 Maypole Court  
2 High Street  
Wem Shropshire  
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Website: [www.wem.gov.uk](http://www.wem.gov.uk)

**Contact details of the members of Wem Town Council are :**

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