* **Would you enjoy working for your community?**
* **Can you envisage working to maintain and enhance local services?**
* **Are you someone who is happy to get stuck in?**
* **Might you have an interest in local governance?**
* **Do you have concerns about a specific local issue?**

If you have answered yes to any of these questions why not consider being co-opted as a councillor onto Martletwy community council.

**What should community councillors do?**

Local councillors should work on behalf of their community. They should invest time in local projects and manage issues to the benefit of all. Councillors should attend to the needs of residents, local groups and businesses. They may need to make decisions on some local services, will be consulted on local planning applications, and collaborate with Pembrokeshire County Council, whilst endeavouring to assist in the progress of projects investing in the future of the community. Community councils often have responsibility for some ancillary services, e.g., in our case play areas. Additional public projects are now often financed by grants and public funding. Applying for these monies can also be part of a councillor’s role. And of course they may also need to organise social gatherings and fun stuff!

A councillor’s work should always be carried out in line with effective community council or Welsh Government policies.

**How does it work?**

Local services are funded by public money collected by the local authority (Pembrokeshire County Council) through the taxation of residents via the Council Tax. This is why it is so important to have councillors on the community council who care about making the most of available services and additional opportunities.

The Council meets no more than 11 times a year, mostly on Monday evenings. Meetings are hybrid, a combination of in person and online. Most face-to-face meetings are held in Lawrenny. At least one meeting a year is held at a different venue. Councillors must be prepared to attend the ordinary meetings, read information sent to them, represent the community council at meetings where appropriate, and engage with residents and stakeholders.

**What next?**

To go right ahead fill in the [application form](../OneDrive/MCC/Casual%20Vacancy%20and%20Co-opt/MCC%20Co-option%20Application%20Form.pdf)

To express an interest email [clerk@martletwycommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@martletwycommunitycouncil.gov.uk?subject=Casual%20Vacancy)

If you are interested but want more information, you can get in touch with councillors. To find out how visit [Martletwy Community Council](https://www.martletwycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/your-council/)

Please note you will need to supply your name, address, and contact details including email and phone number when emailing

Candidates will be invited to meet the Council for a conversation as part of their application