



Thinking about becoming a Community Councillor?

Your Voice. Your Community.

Gwernyfed Community Council works for everyone in our ward –
Glasbury, Three Cocks, Felindre and Tregoyd.

Did You Know?



No political experience is required



Training and support are provided



Many meetings can be attended online



Just a few hours each month can make a real difference

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 What does a Community Councillor do?



Community Councillors represent local residents, support community projects, help shape local priorities and work with partner organisations to improve the area.

Councillors help ensure local voices are heard when decisions are being made.

2 Is this political?



No.

Community Councils are focused on local issues and community improvement rather than party politics.

Councillors work together to support residents, improve facilities and help shape the future of their communities.

3 Do I need any qualifications or experience?



No.

You do not need:

- Political experience
- Local government knowledge
- Special qualifications
- Committee experience

What matters most is:

- ✓ Caring about your community
- ✓ Listening to residents
- ✓ Bringing ideas and local knowledge
- ✓ Working constructively with others

Training and support are available.

4 How much time does it take?



Gwernyfed Community Council usually meets **once each month**.

Many councillors spend only a few additional hours each month reading papers, responding to enquiries or supporting local projects.

The role is **flexible** and can **often fit around work, family and other commitments**.

5 Do I have to attend meetings in person?



Not always.

Many meetings can be attended remotely through Microsoft Teams, helping make the role more accessible and flexible.

6 Do councillors get paid?



Community Councillors are **volunteers**.

However, councillors are entitled to claim certain allowances and expenses in accordance with Welsh Government regulations.

7 Who can become a councillor?



You may be:

- Working full-time
- Self-employed
- Retired
- A parent
- New to the area
- A long-term resident
- Coming back to the area
- Anyone with an interest in their community

We welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences.

Why are new councillors needed?

Gwernyfed Community Council currently has **five vacancies**.

We are particularly keen to hear from residents living in:

Glasbury

Felindre

Tregoyd



This helps ensure all parts of the ward are represented.

What difference can a councillor make?

Recent examples include supporting:

- ✓ Community Skills for Life training events
- ✓ Public defibrillator installations
- ✓ Road safety and Speedwatch initiatives
- ✓ Flooding and drainage advocacy
- ✓ Community facilities and local organisations
- ✓ Environmental and biodiversity projects
- ✓ Future community improvements and regeneration projects



Interested?

The best way to find out more is to have an informal conversation.

There is no commitment and no pressure.



Speak to any councillor



Contact the Clerk



Message us through social media



Attend one of our community engagement sessions

Still not sure?



Why not attend a meeting or community engagement session before making any decision?

Many people are surprised by how approachable and practical community councils actually are.