What? Who? How?

TOWN
*A population centre that is larger than a village and smaller than a city.

COUNCIL
*An assembly of persons called together for consultation, deliberation, or discussion

The Council is made up of 12 Members who are nominated and elected by the community*. Certain criteria must be met to become a Councillor,

• be at least 18 years old
• be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
• meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

  a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
  b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
  c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
  d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Members of the Council are not employed by the Council and are not paid. On becoming a Councillor there is a legal requirement to declare Pecuniary & Personal interests. Officers and other staff are employed to carry out many of the duties of the Council.

*If a vacancy arises within the 4 year period between elections and a bi-election is not required, new members can be co-opted onto the Council, selected by voting by existing members.*
What do the Council do?
Listen to and represent Local Needs

It’s not just about these

Meetings

It’s also about

People, places and activities

• Consider Local impact of Planning Applications and make recommendations to New Forest DC
• Burial Authority
• Provide Amenity, Recreational & Sporting facilities & community buildings
• Provide advice & signpost customers to other services & organisations
• Provide services for New Forest DC
• Report issues to other authorities
• Provide Allotments
• Organise community events
• Respond to consultations from higher tier local government
• Allocate grant funding throughout the community
• And much more……

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Where does the money come from?

• Income from services
• Facility hire, concessions, burial fees, Playscheme
• Precept - Town Council request from share of Council Tax
• Grants
• Awarded by organisations for specific projects/purposes

How is the money spent?

• Provision of services
• Staff costs, subscriptions to other bodies,
• Licence fees, rental fees, equipment, stationery
• Maintenance Costs of all Council owned or managed facilities, Open spaces, Cemetery & Buildings
• Grants Awarded to community organisations
THE FUTURE

PLAN

• ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY
  • IDENTIFY NEEDS
  • ANALYSE COSTS
• SOURCE FUNDING & SERVICE PROVISION
  • PRIORITISE
  • ADVISE
  • DO & REVIEW

HOW DO WE PLAN TO PLAN?

WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

• Committee Restructure
• Review working arrangements & opening hours
• Refresh knowledge & achieve enhanced status
• Recruit members committed to serve the community

LOOK, LISTEN & LEARN
REACT