



## **AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL AIMS.**

Amble Town Council aims to represent the interests of the residents of the Town as a whole and to preserve the environment for the enjoyment of residents, visitors and future generations.

The Council is responsible for some services: for other services and amenities it works with Northumberland County Council and other organisations.

### **Amble Town Council aims to:**

*In General Terms:*

Ensure its priorities and initiatives reflect the wishes of the local community.

Continually promote the best interests of the local community

Seek and take account of the views and interests of residents, businesses and community groups in the running of services provided by and decisions made by the Council

Welcome residents, businesses and community groups to its meetings

Present a representative view on all major issues concerning the Town

Achieve good communications in all matters

### **It will achieve these aims by:**

- Displaying the names and contact details of all town councillors- they wish to hear your views so that the best decisions for the Town can be taken.
- Lobbying to provide facilities and amenities within the Town.
- Considering your views and interests as required.
- Consulting on major issues as necessary.
- Giving parishioners a right to speak and ask questions in public time at a full Council meeting as agreed by the Chairperson.
- Checking if the services being provided meet the needs of the community.
- Publicising when and where meetings are to take place.
- Consulting with residents, businesses and community groups on major issues as required
- Publishing an annual report
- Maintaining notices
- Publishing a news page at least quarterly
- Responding promptly to all communications requiring a decision
- Maintaining a website and social media accounts

**Amble Town Council aims to:**

Take impartial decisions based on sound information

Be efficiently, effectively and economically administered

Review regularly these aims and the ways of achieving them

*More Specifically:*

Identify and strive to achieve the best possible services and amenities which meet the needs and expectations of the residents

Endeavour to manage our responsibilities to best value

Enhance the community within our powers and the budget available

**It will achieve these aims by:**

- Copies of all minutes- excepting those taken in private- will be available on the website or by appointment for viewing in the Council office
- Copies of background written material used in making a decision are available for viewing at the office by appointment
- Making available Council Procedures and Register of Members' Interests on a website or by written request to the Clerk
- Publicising annually the Council's abridged accounts and how money was spent
- Making the accounts available for inspection on written application to the Clerk
- Having accounts independently internally audited twice yearly and externally annually
- Making available a copy of the Auditor's report on written request to the Clerk.
- Placing these on the agenda of a full Council meeting which the public are welcome to attend.
- Working with residents
- Lobbying other councils, authorities and organisations to satisfy this aim.
- Publishing accounts
- Looking for best value- including, for larger projects, tenders and considering grant aid
- Maintaining high professional standards and providing quality services.
- Noting the need for enhancements in the community
- Representing needs and expectations to other councils, authorities and organisations.

**Amble Town Council aims to:**

Be a 'Listening Council' and encourage you to let us know your opinions, comments and concerns

Representing your views on planning issues

Representing your views to other councils, authorities, utilities or other organisations as applicable

Initiate where practicable local discussions and projects and develop them in consultation with, and involvement of, the Town

Budget and merit permitting, give financial grant to local and national organisations or individuals enhancing or promoting the local community or providing local services or amenities

**It will achieve these aims by:**

- Having public time at Council meetings
- Promptly passing on problems within the power of the Council to the committee concerned
- Promptly passing on problems which we have no power over to other councils, authorities and organisations
- Giving an unbiased opinion on any application
- Consulting you on any major issues as necessary
- Addressing concerns to the appropriate body
- Inviting your projects either in writing or by welcoming you to a meeting
- Deciding on the level of support at a Council meeting which you may be invited to address first
- Having a clear procedure on the awarding of grants
- Considering all applications at a Council meeting

**Date:** May 2023  
**Policy effective:** Immediate

**Approving:**  
**Date for next review:**

**Full Council**  
**May 2026**