

## **BALLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1. Selflessness** Councillors must take decisions solely in terms of the interest of the residents of Balloch as a whole and not any minority group, or vested interest party. They should ensure that their own interests should not prejudice the decision they take. Following a majority decision taken by the Council they should abide by this, and not subsequently seek to circumvent that decision by campaigning outwith the Council.
- 2. Integrity** Councillors must not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties
- 3. Objectivity** In carrying out council business, councillors must make choices on merits.
- 4. Accountability** Councillors are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.
- 5. Openness** Councillors must be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.
- 6. Honesty** Councillors have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interests. They should not seek to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends through any decision which they have influenced.
- 7. Leadership** Councillors should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.