

Community Council Training

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WHAT WE DO & WHY WE DO IT

Community Councils have a statutory role in the Scottish planning system. It is therefore important that Community Councillors understand how planning works in practice and their rights and responsibilities. This interactive training workshop covers both the Development Plan and Development Management (including recent planning reform), and asks participants to consider how they can engage effectively with their local communities. The training is delivered by PAS staff and volunteers (all qualified planners) and can take place on weekdays, evenings or Saturdays.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This specialist training is aimed at all existing Community Councillors and other community groups. The training is generally commissioned by one or more local authorities, often as part of a Partnership agreement with PAS. All Community Councils from the local area will be invited to attend. A standard training package can be offered or alternatively the training can be tailored to fit with a specific remit. The training may also be relevant to other types of community group or as part of community engagement through our [Charretteplus®](#) programme.



“I will pass what I have learned to everyone on our Community Council & raise awareness of the importance of knowing about planning.”
“We will seek to develop better working links with the local authority.”

WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE MAKE?

- Since the 1990s PAS has delivered training events all over Scotland
- Community Councils are encouraged to think about their representative role in planning
- Training is provided from an accessible and impartial perspective
- Awareness is raised of the importance of early involvement in local and strategic development plans
- Discussion of how to make effective representations and be influential
- Networking between Community Councils is facilitated

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