

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL
STRATEGY ON LOCAL DEMOCRACY & CITIZENSHIP

Breage Parish Council has developed a Local Democracy & Citizenship Strategy, to ensure that all members of the community can become and remain informed, involved and active citizens and to help all residents understand that they are able to help to shape the area they live in, through being part of the decision making process.

The council recognises the fact that, within the local community, there are those who feel that they are not informed or listened to, and are not therefore, part of the democratic process. These groups include young people and other hard to reach members of society. It is recognised that many individuals feel that local and even national democracy have little to offer, with a result that these individuals have disengaged themselves with it. It is most important that the Parish Council and individual Councillors keep closely in touch with the needs of the community, and encourage all Parishioners to take an involvement, both in the democratic process and also in the development and wellbeing of their local community.

The Parish Council hopes to ensure close links with the community it serves by using the website, council notice boards and Annual Reports to publicise the role of the council and its members within the local community and to distribute materials publicising elections thus encouraging residents to use their vote. The parish council will be available to work with local schools to explain the role of the council and councillors and of local and national democracy.

Adopted at the meeting of Breage Parish Council on 5 April 2011

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Cllr John V Keeling MBE