

Why have a Kingsway Community Council?

Community councils are elected and can help on a number of local issues, like planning applications or running local sports grounds and community facilities. One of our priorities as a Community Council will be to ensure that facilities are completed and operate for the benefit of people who live, work and visit Kingsway. We will also have:

- More capacity to attract, generate and deliver funding for the benefit of local groups.
- Genuine self-governance and accountability; more control over our own affairs.
- Allows us to elect our own democratic body, solely created for Kingsway's interests.

Why not a Parish Council in name?

The Functions and responsibilities are the same regardless of the name, but we believe calling it a **Community Council** better describes what the council should have at the front of its mind.

What we need from YOU

In short, your support.

This proposal is focused at giving Kingsway Residents the power over our own destiny, but this can only work if we want to embrace the opportunity.



The next stage is to show that this idea has local support by collecting a petition. Our petition will be sent to every household and if enough residents support the proposal it will provide us with the mandate we need to continue to the next stage

What would Kingsway Community Council do?

Community councils have powers to provide some facilities themselves, or contribute towards their provision by others, they can include the following:

- Allotments
- Village halls and Community Centres
- Recreation parks and children's play areas
- Control of litter
- Maintenance of footpaths / rights of way
- Support and encouragement of arts and crafts

They may also provide the following subject to county council approval:

- Bus shelters
- Signposting and Lighting of footpaths
- Maintenance and protection of roadside verges

The Community council must be notified by the city or county council of all planning applications in the Area.



More Information

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KINGSWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE PROPOSITION



Putting the future of Kingsway into the hands of Kingsway Residents



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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



To date, the Kingsway Residents Association has been a vehicle for residents to air their issues and has worked with local agencies and representatives to provide a voice for residents.

However we believe that by creating a Community Council specifically for Kingsway, the residents would see a stronger organisation which would provide greater benefits to residents.

Currently, we come under Quedgeley Parish Council, however, Quedgeley is a more established community that is somewhat cut off from Kingsway, particularly by the A38.

This proposal is based around forming a “breakaway” Community council which would commit itself exclusively to improving the quality of life for all members of the community.

With localism very much on the government’s agenda, smaller councils are well placed to take on more responsibilities.

Together with voluntary and community groups, a strong Community Council can help develop Kingsway into a thriving, friendly and vibrant community.

Kingsway money for Kingsway Residents

In today's economic climate, everybody is looking for value for money for every penny they spend, and tax is no exception. It has become obvious that the Kingsway resident largely pays for the upkeep of resources in Quedgeley, meaning many Kingsway residents are left short-changed.



The precept raised in Kingsway should be directed to managing the resources within Kingsway, which will include the community centre, sports facilities, green spaces, parks and allotments as well as helping local groups and societies that drive a sense of community.



This proposal would see the Precept stay within Kingsway and every penny would be to the benefit of Kingsway.

QUVL currently maintains our green areas, litter and dog bins and other such items, and the money they will pay on adoption, called a ‘commuted sum’, will cover the upkeep for a few years into the future. We have a community centre that needs to be maintained and managed, and when the new Kingsway Community Centre is built, it will be brand new and therefore should not require an exorbitant amount of maintenance.

The Proposed Boundaries

The proposed Community Council boundary (outlined in Blue on the map) encompasses the current boundaries of Kingsway and Copeland Park as well as Kingsway Business Park.



Why now?

The Gloucestershire County and Quedgeley Parish ward boundaries are being reviewed so this is also a good time to shape Kingsway representation.

QUVL is poised to start handing over functions that will gradually become the legal responsibility of local councils.

Why Not?

Community Apathy/Lack of Experience

This proposal will only really work if the community gets behind it and makes the most of the opportunity.

Less Influence?

With a smaller Council, we may not have as much “weight” in the eyes of the City and County Councils.