An Effective Council (Operating Principles)
(Facilitator's Note: I crafted these principles from the adjectives generated during our meeting and the ways in which those words were defined. Please review these to see if they can be principles Council is willing to adopt and use.)

As a Council, we want to be…

1. *Thorough* in our decision-making, taking the time to evaluate alternative and allocate adequate time for all to understand and be able to make informed decisions.

2. *Fair and consistent* in applying our processes and decisions to matters before us, no matter what the issue or who it affects.

3. *Respectful* of others and their needs.

4. *Transparent* so that it's apparent why and how decisions are made and that they are in accordance with these principles.

5. *Open minded* and willing to change our viewpoints based on facts and others' perspectives and reasoning.

6. *Progressive* as we address issues to make our Town better. This includes taking a long-term view, being willing to make honest assessments of our positives and negatives, and taking a risk if our current approaches are not working.