
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group

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UPDATE ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL INTERIM BY-ELECTIONS

This briefing provides an update for partners to note on the membership of community councils in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area following the closure of the nomination period for the interim by-elections. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

Community Council Interim by-elections are taking place on 2nd May 2024. The elections mark the mid-term process. This process required that all vacancies on all community councils were included in the interim by-elections. In addition those who have been appointed by the community council as co-optee will no longer hold office as such on the day of election unless they have successfully stood for election.

Detail

The Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Argyll and Bute provides for an interim by-election to be held. This generally takes place at the mid-term of the 4 year term. The Returning Officer set the date of 2nd May 2024 for the by-elections.

A nomination process commenced on 7th March and concluded on 21st March. A total of 17 valid nominations were received during that period. This can be broken down as follows:

Southend – 3 candidates for 3 vacancies
The Laggan – 1 candidate for 2 vacancies
Campbeltown – 0 candidates for 7 vacancies
West Kintyre – 1 candidate for 4 vacancies
East Kintyre – 0 candidates for 3 vacancies
Tarbert & Skipness – 1 candidate for 8 vacancies
Gigha – 1 candidate for 1 vacancy
Islay – 0 candidates for 6 vacancies
Jura – 0 candidates for 3 vacancies
Colonsay – 0 candidates for 2 vacancies
South Knapdale – 0 candidates for 4 vacancies

North Knapdale – 1 candidate for 3 vacancies
Ardrishaig – 0 candidates for 8 vacancies
Lochgilthead – 0 candidates for 5 vacancies
West Lochfyne – 0 candidates for 2 vacancies
Furnace – 2 candidates for 4 vacancies
Inveraray – 2 candidates for 3 vacancies
Dunadd – 4 candidates for 5 vacancies
Craignish – 1 candidate for 4 vacancies.

Prior to the by-election there were 77 vacancies across the 19 Community Councils in the MAKI area.

From the detail above it can be noted that there will not be any contested elections. Figures throughout the areas don't differ significantly and there is only one contested election in the entire local authority area. Again, this is generally reflective of the position when it comes to contested elections.

Conclusion

A total of 17 candidates will be elected to serve on 10 different community councils at 11am on 2nd May 2024. There were no rejected nominations but unfortunately 9 community councils did not secure any additional members through the by-election process.

Those community councils who have vacancies remaining after the by-election will be entitled to fill up to 1/3 of their vacancies by co-option going forward. There were 3 co-opted members across the MAKI area that did not submit nomination papers. Those members cannot be co-opted again and will be deemed to stand down on the 2nd May 2024.

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