

Community Council By - Elections

1 Summary

This report provides information on the recent Community Council By-Elections.

2 Recommendation

To note the contents of this report.

3 Background

A review of the Scheme of Community Councils in Argyll & Bute was undertaken in 2008 and implemented in April 2009.

The first elections for all 56 Community Councils were held in October 2009 where 54 of the Community Councils were constituted.

Further by-elections were held in December 2009 and March and October 2010 to fill the remaining vacancies. Following that all Community Councils were written to in July 2011 to enquire whether they wanted their remaining vacancies to be filled by running further By-Elections. The publication of the Notice of Election was advertised in the local papers and published on the Councils website on week beginning 1 August with the close of nominations being on Thursday 18 August 2011. One contest arose for Kilmun Community Council and the timetable for this is detailed at section 5 of this report.

- 4.** In the undernoted areas, the following Community Councils asked for By-Elections to be run.

Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

Southend – 2 vacancies

The Laggan – 3 vacancies

Campbeltown – 4 vacancies

Tarbert & Skipness – 4 vacancies

Islay – 12 vacancies

Jura – 2 vacancies

Colonsay – 5 vacancies

South Knapdale – 3 vacancies

Ardrishaig – 5 vacancies

Inveraray – 1 vacancy

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, no contests for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre & The Islands Area were required. As a result of the above, the following individuals have now been confirmed as Community Councillors within the Community councils listed.

Southend	Donald McLean (1)
Tarbert & Skipness	Duncan I MacDougall (1)
Islay	Glenmore Roberts, Fiona MacGregor, Alice Stewart, Geunda CL Young, Elizabeth Gillies, David Boyd, Niall Colthart (7)
Jura	Alexander Dunnachie (1)
Ardrishaig	Eric B Marriott (1)

Helensburgh and Lomond

Rhu & Shandon – 10 vacancies
 Cove & Kilcreggan – 5 vacancies
 Arrochar & Tarbet – 1 vacancy
 Rosneath & Clynder – 5 vacancies
 Helensburgh – 3 vacancies
 Cardross – 4 vacancies

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, no contests for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area were required. As a result of the above, the following individuals have now been confirmed as Community Councillors within the Community councils listed.

Rhu & Shandon	Morven Boyle (1)
Cove & Kilcreggan	Alastair Lamont, Derek Fowles (2)
Helensburgh	Neil Drummond, Alastair M MacBeth, David Allan (3)
Cardross	Wendy Clarke, Rikki Young (2)

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

Mull – 4 vacancies
 Iona – 3 vacancies
 Coll – 1 vacancy
 Oban – 14 vacancies
 Glenorchy & Innishail – 4 vacancies
 Avich & Kilchrenan – 6 vacancies
 Luining – 2 vacancies
 Kilninver & Kilmelford – 4 vacancies
 Seil & Easdale – 1 vacancy
 Dunbeg – 4 vacancies
 Lismore – 3 vacancies
 Ardchattan – 7 vacancies

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, no contests for the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area were required. As a result of the above, the following individuals have now been confirmed as Community Councillors within the Community councils listed.

Oban	Stewart McIver, Andrew M Harper, Sean MacIntyre, Jessie MacFarlane, Andrew I Waugh, Alexandra Russell, Mandy J Peden, June Anfield (8)
Glenorchy & Innishail	Florence A Marshall, Martin Goodwin (2)
Avich & Kilchrenan	Vinh Burton Smith, Peta Burton Smith, Iain R Alexander, John L Fleming, Veronica CK Metcalfe (5)

Kilninver & Kilmelford Peter J Hammick, Lucy Files, Stuart G Cannon (3)
Ardchattan Margaret A Adams, Lachie Strathern, Iain S MacLean (3)

Bute and Cowal

Strachur – 3 vacancies
Kilfinan – 3 vacancies
Hunter's Quay – 2 vacancies
Kilmun – 1 vacancy
Sandbank – 3 vacancies
Dunoon – 10 vacancies
South Cowal – 5 vacancies
Bute – 7 vacancies

As a result of the above, the following individuals have now been confirmed as Community Councillors within the Community councils listed.

Strachur	Isabella McGladdery (1)
Hunter's Quay	Malcolm Kennedy (1)
Kilmun	Contest
Dunoon	Robert M Barr, Mary T W Gilmore, Ruth G McManus (3)
South Cowal	Victoria Walkingshaw, John R Hutcheon, Alexandra MacInnes (3)
Bute	Michael Blair, Charles Fryars, Peter Hamilton (3)

5. TIMETABLE

The timetable for the Kilmun by-election is detailed below:-

Monday 1 August 2011 – Publication of Notice of Election
Thursday 18 August 2011 – Close of Nominations
Thursday 1 September 2011 – Notice of Poll/Notice of Uncontested Election
Thursday 8 September 2011 – Issue of Postal Votes
Thursday 22 September 2011 – Election Day
Friday 23 September 2011 – Count of Votes

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