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**To: Prospective Candidates**

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Ask For: Melissa Stewart  
Our Ref: MSNPSPE26  
Your Ref:  
Date: 13 March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION FOR THE ARGYLL AND BUTE CONSTITUENCY  
NOMINATION PACK – 7 MAY 2026**

I enclose nomination papers, including relevant supporting documentation for the Scottish Parliament Election to be held on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.

Arrangements have been made to accept nomination papers at:

**Kilmory Headquarters, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RT**

In advance of attending at this location to deliver nomination papers by hand, candidates and election agents are offered opportunity to have an informal check of their nomination papers by submitting competed papers (either scanned or photographed) by e-mail to [elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

I would confirm that the nomination period starts on **Tuesday 17 March 2026** and nomination papers can be lodged between the hours of 10am to 4pm on each working day until the deadline – **4pm, Wednesday 1 April 2026**. It may be useful to be aware that we do offer an appointment system that can be used to pre-book a convenient date and time to hand deliver your nomination papers. A link to the booking system will be sent to candidates when responding with feedback to requests for informal checks. If you do not wish to take up this offer, please feel free to contact the election office and staff will send you the link, or book this on your behalf.

If you have not yet reached out to us as a candidate or agent, you can find some [information for candidates on our website](#) that may be of interest to you. Alternatively, if preferred, you can contact the election office with your email address and staff will arrange to send any relevant information to you directly.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pippa Milne'.

PIPPA MILNE  
Constituency Returning Officer



# Election of a Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament Constituency of Argyll and Bute

**7 MAY 2026**

## List of Contents and Checklist for Nomination Pack

Description	Documents to be returned to the Returning Officer by 4pm on Wednesday 1 April 2026	Documents to be returned to the Electoral Registration Officer
List of Contents		
Constituency Candidate Checklist		
Nomination Paper	✓	
Candidates Consent to Nomination	✓	
Certificate of Authorisation	✓ (party candidates only)	
Request for a Party Emblem	✓ (party candidates only)	
Notification of Election Agent	✓ (if not returned candidates will be deemed to be their own agent)	
Notification of Sub-Agent	✓ (optional)	
Candidate Contact Information	✓ (optional)	
Authorisation for return of Deposit	✓	
Notice of Withdrawal	✓ (if appropriate)	
Request for Register of Electors/Absent Vote List		✓
Guidelines for display of posters on street furniture		
Statutory provision for use of Schools and Rooms		

**Note:** If you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Constituency Returning Officer on 01546 603264 or by email - [elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk)



## **You must print off the forms in this pack before submitting them**

### **The following papers must be delivered by hand:**

- 1: Nomination form
- 2: Candidate's consent to nomination

### **The following papers can be delivered by hand or by post:**

- 3: Certificate of authorisation
- 4: Request for a party emblem
- 5: Notification of election agent (constituency candidate)
- 6: Notification of sub-agent

The notice of election published by the Constituency Returning Officer (CRO) will specify the times and exact location to which nomination papers must be delivered.

Ensure that where signatures are required, you submit the original signed version of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted.

## **UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)**

Data protection legislation applies to the processing of all personal data. Please contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) for further information about how the legislation affects you.

When collecting subscriber information, you should point out what the information will be used for, and how personal data will be processed and kept secure. The lawful basis to collect the information in these forms is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

You should also explain that the information will be shared with the Returning Officer. For further information on data protection and data processing, you should refer to the Returning Officer's privacy notice on their website - [Privacy Notice for Candidates and Agents](#)

# Contents

<b>Form number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Candidate type</b>
<b>CL</b>	Constituency candidate checklist	All (for guidance only)
<b>1</b>	Nomination form	All
<b>2</b>	Consent to nomination	All
<b>3</b>	Certificate of authorisation	Party candidates only
<b>4</b>	Request for a party emblem	Party candidates only
<b>5</b>	Notification of election agent (constituency candidate)	All
<b>6</b>	Notification of sub-agent	All (optional)
<b>7</b>	Candidate contact information	All (optional)

CL	Scottish Parliament	Constituency candidate checklist
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This checklist is designed to assist constituency candidates at the Scottish Parliamentary election in preparing to submit their nomination, and should be read alongside the Electoral Commission's [Guidance for candidates and agents](#).

<b>Task - Nomination paper (all candidates)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
Insert the name of the constituency and election date – check with the CRO if you are unsure	
Add your full name – surname and all other names in full in the relevant boxes	
Optional – Use the commonly used name(s) box(es) if you commonly use a name that is different, or partly different, from your actual name and you want it to be used instead of your full name	
Description – Party candidates can use the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission and supported by a certificate of authorisation from that party; the registered name of a party may be preceded by the word “Scottish”. Others can use ‘Independent’ or leave this blank	
Add your home address in full	
Sign and date the form in the presence of a witness. There are no restrictions on who can be a witness	
Witness – your witness needs to sign and provide their name and address	
Method of submitting the nomination form to the CRO: by hand. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	

<b>Task - Candidate’s consent to nomination (all candidates)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
Complete all the details on the form and read the declaration carefully. Make sure that you read the Electoral Commission guidance on standing for election as well as the legislation listed. If you are not sure if you are able to stand you should contact your employer (where relevant), consult the legislation or, if necessary, take your own independent legal advice. If you are satisfied that you meet all of the criteria listed and so are eligible to stand, sign the declaration	
Add your full date of birth	
Sign and date the document in the presence of another person. Don’t sign the consent form earlier than one month before the deadline for submitting your nomination papers	
Get the other person to complete and sign the witness section. The consent to nomination will not be accepted without this information	
Method of submitting the consent to nomination form to the CRO: by hand. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	

<b>Task - Certificate of authorisation (party candidates only)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
Ensure the certificate contains the candidate’s full name and that the other details are completed	
Check the certificate allows the registered party name given on the nomination paper to be used; the registered name of a party may be preceded by the word “Scottish”	
Ensure it is issued by the party Nominating Officer (or someone that they have authorised to issue it on their behalf)	
Method of submitting the certificate of authorisation to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	
<b>Task - Request for an emblem (party candidates only)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
Write the name or description of an emblem registered by the party and published on the Electoral Commission’s website	
The request must be made by the candidate	

Method of submitting the emblem request form to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	
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<b>Task - Notification of election agent (all candidates)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
Give the name, address and office address of your appointed election agent. If no election agent is appointed by the given deadline, you as the candidate are deemed to be appointed as election agent	
If the election agent does not want their home address to appear on the Notice of Election Agents, ensure that they declare that they want a correspondence address to be included instead	
Ensure the appointed agent signs the form showing their acceptance	
Method of submitting the notification form to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	

<b>Task - Notification of sub-agent (all candidates)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
The election agent may appoint one or more sub-agents to act on their behalf in any part of the constituency but each must have a separate area. Sub-agent areas must not overlap	
Give the name, address and office address of the sub-agent	
If the sub-agent does not want their home address to appear on the Notice of Sub-Agents, ensure that they declare that they want a correspondence address to be included instead	
Method of submitting the notification form(s) to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver these, but it should be someone you trust	

<b>Task - Candidate contact information (all candidates)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
This form is optional – more details regarding the use of your data are on the form. Add your name, email address, telephone number, and sign the form.	
If you are not acting as your own agent, ask your election agent to add their name, email address, telephone number, and sign the form.	

<b>Task - Deposit (all candidates)</b>	<b>Tick</b>
Confirm with the CRO that your preferred method of payment is acceptable, and deposit £500 with the CRO by the deadline for nominations	

Office use only	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<b>Election of a Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament</b>	<b>1 – Nomination paper</b>			
	<b>Argyll and Bute Constituency</b>			
Date of election:	7 May 2026			

I, the undersigned, am nominated as a candidate at the said election.

DETAILS OF CANDIDATE				
Candidate's surname:				
Other names in full:				
Commonly used surname (if any) <sup>1</sup> :				
Commonly used forenames (if any) <sup>1</sup> :				
Description (if desired) <sup>2</sup> :				
Candidate's home address in full (including postcode):				
Signature of candidate:		Date:		
DETAILS OF WITNESS				
Signature of witness:		Date:		
Witness name in full (Please use BLOCK CAPITALS):				
Address of witness (including postcode):				

The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for completing nomination papers and other provisions relating to nominations contained in Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015.

The nomination period closes at 4pm 23 working days before the date of poll and completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer by this deadline.

See notes overleaf

## Notes

1. Where a candidate is commonly known by some title, they may be described by that title as if it was their surname. Where a candidate has a commonly used name, that commonly used surname or forename may also be used in addition to or instead of the other name on the nomination paper, but if it does so, the commonly used name (instead of any other name) will appear on the statement of persons standing nominated and the ballot paper (Schedule 2, rules 4 and 18). However, the statement of persons standing nominated and the ballot paper will show the other name if the Constituency Returning Officer thinks –
  - (a) that the use of the commonly used name may be likely to mislead or confuse electors,
  - or (b) that the commonly used name is obscene or offensive (Schedule 2, rule 18(5)).
  
2. The candidate may, if desired, use a description or may leave this line blank to indicate that they do not want to use a description. If a description is to be used then it must either be “Independent” or the name of the candidate’s registered political party (or the name of two such parties). If the registered name of a party is used then this may be preceded by the word “Scottish” in terms of rule 4(7). If a party name is to be used then a certificate of authorisation must also be submitted to the Constituency Returning Officer (Schedule 2, rule 7).

Office use only	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<b>Scottish Parliament</b>	<b>2 – Candidates consent to nomination</b>			
Constituency name	Argyll and Bute			
Date of the election:	7 May 2026			

### Section 1 - Candidate's details and declaration

I (candidate's name in full):				
of (home address including postcode)				
Office address in case you are required to be an agent. See note 3.				
<p>hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate at the above-mentioned Election.</p> <p>I am aware of the provisions of sections 15 to 18 of the Scotland Act 1998 and of any Order in Council made under section 15 of that Act, and to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified from being a member of the Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>I am aware of the provisions of sections 5(2) and 9(6) of the 1998 Act and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I may stand as a candidate to be a member for the above-mentioned constituency.</p>				
My date of birth is:	Day (DD)	Month (MM)	Year (YYYY)	
<b>Note: It is an offence to make a false declaration.</b>				
Candidate's Signature:			Date:	

### Section 2 – To be completed by the witness

The declaration above was signed in my presence by the candidate named above.				
Signed (name in full):			Date:	
Witness' Name (Block Capitals):				

Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer by the deadline for nominations.  
See notes overleaf

## Notes

1. A person shall not be validly nominated unless their consent to nomination –
  - (a) is given and dated in writing on, or within one month before, the day fixed as the last day for delivery of nomination papers;
  - (b) is attested by one witness, and
  - (c) is delivered at the place and within the time for the delivery of nomination papers, subject to paragraph 2 below.
2. If the Constituency Returning Officer is satisfied that owing to the absence of a person from the United Kingdom it has not been reasonably practicable for their consent in writing to be given as mentioned above, a facsimile (or similar means of communication) consenting to his or her nomination and purporting to have been sent by him or her shall be deemed to be consent in writing given by him or her on the day on which it purports to have been sent, and attestation of his or her consent shall not be required. Contact the Constituency Returning Officer for full details of this procedure.
3. There are no restrictions on where the office address can be located.

Office use only	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<b>Scottish Parliament</b>		<b>3 – Certificate of authorisation</b>		

To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

Constituency:	Argyll and Bute	Date of Election:	7 May 2026
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In accordance with the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015, I hereby certify that			
(Candidate's name in full)			
may include the following description <sup>1</sup> on their constituency nomination paper for the election in the above constituency on 7 May 2026			
(Description <sup>1</sup> )			
Signature of Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the Nominating Officer):		Date:	
(Name of person signing)			

## Notes

1. Description means the name (or one of the names) of the political party registered in terms of section 28 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. That name may be preceded by the word "Scottish" where this is allowed under rule 4(7) of the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules.
2. If the candidate is standing in the name of two parties jointly, then the description must be the names of both of those parties and may include the word "and" between them. This is the description that will appear on the constituency ballot paper.

This form must be provided to the Constituency Returning Officer where a nomination paper is submitted for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party. It must be received by the Constituency Returning Officer by the deadline for the delivery of nomination papers.



Office use only	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<b>Scottish Parliament</b>		<b>4 – Request for a party emblem</b>		

This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

This form must be signed by the candidate.

Constituency:	Argyll and Bute	Date of election:	7 May 2026
Candidate name in full:			
I request that the ballot paper shall contain, against my name, the following registered emblem (please identify which emblem if the party has registered more than one):			
Emblem to be used: (Please use name or description as on <a href="#">Electoral Commission website</a> ):			
Candidate's signature:			
Date:			

This form is only effective if delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that they are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.



Office use only	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<b>Scottish Parliament</b>	<b>5 – Notification of election agent (constituency candidate)</b>			
Constituency name:	Argyll and Bute			
Date of the election:	7 May 2026			

<b>Candidate's notification of their election agent</b>	
I, (Candidate name in full):	
Hereby declare that the name and address of my election agent is	
Agent's name:	
Agent's address (in full):	
The office address of my election agent to which all claims, notices, legal process and other documents may be sent is:	
Agent's office address in full:	
Candidate's signature (or signature on behalf of candidate):	
Name of person signing (if on behalf of the candidate):	
Date:	
<b>Confirmation of acceptance by election agent</b>	
I, the above-named election agent, hereby request that my home address is not published on the Notice of Election Agents and a correspondence address is published instead [delete as applicable]	Yes/No
Agent's correspondence address in full:	
I confirm my acceptance as the election agent for the above named candidate. I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law.	
Agent's signature:	
Date:	

Form continues overleaf

<b>Agent's other details in case of query (Optional – will not be published)</b>	
Home telephone:	
Work telephone:	
Mobile telephone:	
Email address:	

Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer by the deadline for nominations

Office use only	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<b>Scottish Parliament</b>		<b>6 – Notification of sub agent</b>		
Constituency name:		Argyll and Bute		
Date of the election:		7 May 2026		
Candidate name				

The election agent may appoint one or more sub-agents to act on their behalf in any part of the constituency but each must have a separate area. Sub-agent areas must not overlap.

Details and extent of sub-agent	
Name of sub-agent:	
Sub-agent address:	
Office address to which all claims, notices, legal process and other documents may be sent is (if different):	
Extent of appointment (describe area):	

Election agent signature			
I declare the above named person to be a sub-agent			
Signature of election agent:			
Name:		Date:	

Confirmation of acceptance by sub agent (optional)	
I, the above-named sub agent, hereby request that my home address is not published on the Notice of Sub Agents and a correspondence address is published instead [delete as applicable]	Yes/No
Sub agent's correspondence address in full:	
I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law	
I confirm my acceptance as sub-agent for the above named candidate	
Signature of sub-agent:	Date:

**Form continues overleaf**

<b>Sub -agent's other details in case of query (Optional – will not be published)</b>	
Home telephone:	
Work telephone:	
Mobile telephone:	
Email address:	

Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer by the deadline for submission of sub-agent notification forms

# 7 - Scottish Parliament election: candidate contact information

For completion by a constituency or individual regional candidate and their election agent (if they are not acting as their own agent) at a Scottish Parliament election.

You are not required to complete and return this form but providing contact details to the Returning Officer (RO) in this way will enable the RO to contact you quickly with relevant information regarding the election.

In addition, to help support the safety and security of everyone who wants to participate in elections, it is important that the police can proactively contact candidates and election agents to provide you with relevant, timely information and advice.

By providing your contact details on this form you are also agreeing that the RO may share them with the police to help them to support the safety of all candidates and election agents participating in the election. In particular, this will enable the police to contact you directly with relevant, timely security information about the election.

<b>Candidate contact details</b>	
Full name:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
Signature:	
<b>Election agent contact details</b>	
Full name:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
Signature:	

The data controller will only use the information you have provided on this form for electoral purposes and will look after your personal information securely, following data protection legislation.

The data controller will not give personal information about you and the personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless permitted by law, including, as here, where you have consented to the data being shared or where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority vested in the Returning Officer.

The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as vested in the Returning Officer as set out in Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations.

The Returning Officer is the Data Controller.

For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to their privacy notice on their website - [Elections - candidates and agents - Privacy Statement | Argyll and Bute Council](#)



**AUTHORISATION FOR RETURN OF DEPOSIT**  
**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION**  
**ARGYLL AND BUTE CONSTITUENCY**  
**DATE OF ELECTION: 7 MAY 2026**

Candidate's Name	
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**Details of person making deposit**

Name	
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Address	
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Form of Deposit	Cash		Banker's Draft		Other (please specify)	
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**Details of whom deposit (unless forfeit) is to be returned**

Name	
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Address	
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To whom cheque is to be payable	
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**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION**  
**ARGYLL AND BUTE CONSTITUENCY**  
**DATE OF ELECTION: 7 MAY 2026**

Candidate's Name	
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	Received the sum of £500 deposited on behalf of the above-named Candidate
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	Date:
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**Constituency Returning Officer**



<b>Scottish Parliament election Constituency</b>
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<b>Withdrawal of candidate</b>
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Constituency name	<b>Argyll and Bute</b>	Date of election	7 May 2026
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To the Constituency Returning Officer for the above constituency

Candidate's name	
Address	

Having been nominated as a candidate at the above election I hereby give you notice that I withdraw my nomination as a candidate

Candidate's signature	
Date	

Witness
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The above named candidate signed this document in my presence

Name of witness	
Signature of witness	
Date	

This form must be delivered by hand or by post to the Constituency Returning Officer by the close of nominations.



**APPLICATION AS A CANDIDATE FOR A FREE COPY OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION ON 7 MAY 2026**

Name: (Block Capitals)	
Address: (Block Capitals)	
	Post Code:
Telephone No. (in case of query) Daytime:	Evening:
E-Mail Address:	

Council Area:
Ward Number and Name:

I request one copy of the consolidated Register of Electors which will be effective for the Parliamentary election on 7 May 2026 (Register published 2 March 2026 plus monthly updates from April inclusive)

The register will be supplied in **PDF format by email** unless requested otherwise below. PDF format looks exactly like the paper copy and can be read on-screen or printed

If you would prefer to receive another format, please tick relevant box.

The data format is Comma Separated Value (CSV). (1) Paper format or   
(2) Data format by email

Please supply your email address below:

I confirm that I am a candidate for the Parliamentary election to be held on 7 May 2026. Should I withdraw my candidature I will return the Register to the Returning Officer.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by post or email:  
for East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and the Lomond area of Argyll & Bute (east of Loch Long) to:  
**Post: The Electoral Registration Officer, 235 Dumbarton Road, CLYDEBANK G81 4XJ**  
**Email: [ero-edc@dab-vjb.gov.uk](mailto:ero-edc@dab-vjb.gov.uk) or [ero-wdc@dab-vjb.gov.uk](mailto:ero-wdc@dab-vjb.gov.uk)**

or for Argyll & Bute (west of Loch Long) to:  
**Post: The Electoral Registration Officer, Kilbrannan House, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JY**  
**Email: [ero-abc@dab-vjb.gov.uk](mailto:ero-abc@dab-vjb.gov.uk)**



**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (ELECTIONS)  
GUIDELINES ON DISPLAY OF CAMPAIGN POSTERS AND USE OF CAR PARKS**

**DISPLAY OF CAMPAIGN POSTERS**

Commencing from the last date for the publication of the Notice of Election, and until Election Day, the Council will not object to the fixing of election posters to items of street furniture such as lighting columns, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) Election Agents' names and addresses must be advised to the appropriate Area Roads Operations Office prior to the display of election material.
- b) All posters must be backed by some form of board or card of adequate stiffness and tied with cord of sufficient strength. They must not be attached to street furniture using glue or any form of adhesive.
- c) Printed election material must contain an imprint to ensure that all organisations involved in publishing and promoting the material is listed. Further information on the requirements can be found on the Electoral Commissions website.
- d) Placing posters must not inconvenience the travelling public in terms of obscuring signs that are essential for the direction of traffic and safety. The mounting height of posters must not be less than eight feet (2.4m) above ground level.
- e) Posters must not, in any circumstances, be attached to any traffic signal post or control box, or to street furniture in central reservations and pedestrian refuge islands. For structural and electrical safety reasons, ladders should not be placed against lighting columns – free standing step-ladders or other means of access should be used.
- f) Only one poster per candidate or two posters back to back, is allowed on each item of street furniture.
- g) All posters must be removed within 48 hours after polling day.
- h) Permission is granted on the understanding that those concerned indemnify the Council against any third party claim arising from the attachment.

**USE OF COUNCIL CAR PARKS BY CARAVANS ETC.**

Caravans may be sited in Council car parks, should space be available, for a period not exceeding 14 days immediately prior to polling day subject to the following conditions:-

- a) Where a car park is a free car park, no charge is made but, where a car park is fee-paying, the appropriate charge is levied.
- b) The caravan should not be used for sleeping accommodation between the hours of 11.00pm and 7.00am.
- c) To minimise the disturbance to residential areas located adjacent to car parks, the use of loud speakers is prohibited in connection with the use of a caravan in a Council car park.
- d) The total cost associated with the provision and removal of such caravans and other units will be borne by the promoting organisation.
- e) All associated signs and posters must be removed with 48 hours after polling day.

**For enquiries, contact the Roads and Infrastructure Team on  
[roadsandinfrastructure@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:roadsandinfrastructure@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or 01546 604756 – they will direct enquiries to  
the appropriate local contact.**



**Schools and rooms for Scottish parliamentary election meetings: candidates for return as constituency members – The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc) Order 2015**

**64.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, a candidate for return as a constituency member at a Scottish parliamentary election is entitled for the purpose of holding public meetings in furtherance of the candidate’s candidature to the use free of charge at reasonable times between the last day on which notice of the election may be published in accordance with the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules and the day preceding the date of the poll of—

- (a) a suitable room in the premises of a school to which this article applies;
- (b) any meeting room to which this article applies.

(2) This article applies to any school of which the premises are situated in the constituency or an adjoining constituency, not being an independent school within the meaning given in section 135 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980**(b)** (interpretation), but a candidate is not entitled under this article to the use of a room in school premises outside the constituency if there is a suitable room in other premises in the constituency which are reasonably accessible from the same parts of the constituency as those outside and are premises of a school to which this article applies.

(3) This article applies to meeting rooms situated in the constituency, the expense of maintaining which is payable wholly or mainly by—

- (a) the Scottish Ministers or any other part of the Scottish Administration; or
- (b) any Scottish public authority with mixed functions or no reserved functions (within the meaning of the 1998 Act).

(4) Where a room is used for a meeting in pursuance of the rights conferred by this article, the person by whom or on whose behalf the meeting is convened—

- (a) shall defray any expenses incurred in preparing, warming, lighting and cleaning the room and providing attendance for the meeting and restoring the room to its usual condition after the meeting; and
- (b) shall defray any damage done to the room or the premises in which it is situated, or to the furniture, fittings or apparatus in the room or premises.

(5) A candidate is not entitled to exercise the rights conferred by this article except on reasonable notice; and this article does not authorise any interference with the hours during which a room in school premises is used for educational purposes, or any interference with the use of a meeting room either for the purposes of the person maintaining it or under a prior agreement for its letting for any purpose.

(6) For the purposes of this article and article 65 (except those of paragraph (4)(b) of each article) the premises of a school shall not be taken to include any private dwellinghouse, and in this article—

- (a) the expression “meeting room” means any room which it is the practice to let for public meetings; and
- (b) the expression “room” includes a hall, gallery or gymnasium.

(7) The provisions of Schedule 7 (use of school rooms and meeting rooms for election meetings) have effect with respect to the rights conferred by this article and article 65 and the arrangements to be made for their exercise.

