

**ELECTIONS**  
**ARGYLL AND BUTE 2026**

**PLANNING etc (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006**  
**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (SCOTLAND)**  
**REGULATIONS 2007**

**DECLARATION OF BALLOT RESULT TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL  
OF A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ON THE ISLE OF BUTE**

This is the result of the Ballot to renew a Business Improvement District under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007 on the Isle of Bute. The Ballot was held by post with polls closing at 5pm on Thursday 10 September 2026.

The electorate consisted of: **251** eligible persons

Representing: **308** relevant properties

The total votes cast were: 162  
(the total votes cast, excluding ballot papers 161  
rejected)

And the turnout was: **52.9%**

The votes cast were as follows:-

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| <b>YES</b> – total number of votes cast in favour of the question asked in the ballot -<br><b>60</b> |
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| <b>NO</b> – total number of votes cast against the question asked in the ballot -<br><b>101</b> |
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There were **1** papers rejected for the following reasons:

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| Duplicate number / barcode               | 0 |
| Unsigned, Unmarked, Void for uncertainty | 1 |

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The rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which votes were cast are as follows:

Aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) - **£657,400**

Aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B) - **£995,520**

The aggregate of the rateable values of all lands and heritages in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is **£ 3,266,270**.

On the basis of these papers:

1. The number of votes cast in favour of the BID proposals **does not exceed** the number of votes cast against those proposals;
2. The aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) **does not exceed** the aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B);
3. At least 25% of the persons entitled to vote in the ballot **have** done so; and
4. The aggregate of the rateable values of relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) **plus** the aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B) **is** equal to at least 25% of the aggregate of the rateable values of all relevant properties in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot.

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As these four conditions **have not** all been met I therefore declare that, on the basis of a ballot held for the purposes of section 38(1) of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, under the Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007, the BID proposals for the area of Isle of Bute listed on the Ballot Paper **have not** been approved.

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*(Signed)*  
David Logan  
Depute Returning Officer  
11 September 2026