

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

LOCHGOIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 20 OCTOBER 2022

BAIN, Elizabeth B

I have been involved in Community Council affairs for over 15 years and served as Vice Convener and Treasurer. As treasurer I have been responsible for all financial matters seeking and securing funding for various Village Enhancement projects, on an annual basis. I have also been involved with external agencies, again ensuring that Loch Goil residents are made aware of what is happening and where we can be involved in and around the National Park. I was also a Trustee of the Community Partnership, was involved in Area Networks supporting communities in the area and with the Community Trust supporting local projects.

BLACK, Scott

I am proud to have served the Lochgoil Community Council for the past two years as a permanent resident / local business owner. I have held to my values by ensuring that I represented the majority of the community. As an active member of the community raising funds for Christmas dinners / Children's party. A semi-retired professional with a background in social housing (Executive Director) including community involvement / development initiatives and resident engagement. I have reported to council committees / boards, ensuring best practice as community representative. I have excellent communication skills, an ability to analyse, problem-solve and generate ideas.

BOOTH, Peter M

I have lived in Lochgoilhead for almost two years. Having lived in cities for most of my adult life, it's a dream to live in Lochgoilhead, which has such a strong sense of community. I would like to get involved in the community and give something back, so I would welcome the opportunity to be a part of the community council. I would like to encourage more community involvement with the council, and would proactively look to see how the council could benefit the community directly, through funding opportunities and close interaction with the community trust and other bodies.

BROWN, Joni E

Lochgoilhead is our family home and I have always been enthusiastic about the community here. I have been involved in many community projects and events especially related to creative arts, theatre, music and yoga including the community garden project, a harvest festival sharing of local produce and Lochgoilhead Past and Present Exhibition, I am very involved in the school life here. I am passionate about improving community spaces and bringing all ages of people together and would welcome the opportunity to serve my community on the council, which I would do with great energy, enthusiasm and creativity.

CHRISTIE, George

I have been associated with Lochgoilhead for the past 45 years and have had permanent residence since 2015. I feel that the Community Council needs new blood in its ranks and hope to further the aims and aspirations of our great community. I am presently the President of the local Bowling Club and I have recently retired from the Merchant Navy after 30 years of service and I am sure my worldly experiences will be a benefit to the community. Should I be elected I will individually and collectively ensure that the business of the Community Council is conducted according to the Council's Scheme and Code of Conduct.

COWIE, Shona Carolyn

It is a privilege to live and work in a community like Lochgoilhead and I'm eager to give my energy and time to support its future. Should my nomination be successful, I would be particularly interested in cultivating spaces and opportunities for the village's children and young people to thrive, inline with my work as a community artist for the past decade. As a relatively new resident to the village, I hope to learn from the vast experience of the longstanding members of the community while adding fresh perspectives and creativity.

LAWRENCE, Emma L

Lochgoilhead has been my home for 8 years. I genuinely feel privileged to live in the most beautiful place I've ever seen, amongst a warm and welcoming community. I would be honoured to have the opportunity to join the Community Council in the important role they play in serving our village. In doing so I would try to engage with the community as widely as possible to bring forward new ideas and perspectives. I'm passionate about our natural environment and care deeply about the physical and mental wellbeing of the people who live here.

MACINNES, Iain D

During the last 20 years as a volunteer, I have been involved in supporting this community running the village hall, Director for a time with Lochgoilhead Community Development Trust and as your Community Councillor. I have a vast knowledge and immense experience working alongside Argyll and Bute Council as the Chair of the Leader Lag for the Argyll and the Isles Funding Programme. Your vote will allow me to continue as your Councillor to ensure the best future for our Community.

MANN, Duncan JM

I moved to Lochgoilhead just over three years ago to initially take up a role with Argyll Holidays and fell in love with the village and its scenery. Whilst working within the local community I became aware of the work of the Community Council, especially during the pandemic lockdowns, where I was part of the Covid Emergency Group, helping to support the community. Given the immediate and long-term economic and social challenges facing us, I would welcome the opportunity to join the Council and see how we can support both the mental and social wellbeing of everyone in the community.

MOODIE, Alastair R

This election is an opportunity to make Lochgoil Community Council more representative and more responsive to different views, concerns and ideas. We can work better together with the two community trusts, the village hall and other groups for everyone's benefit, especially those hit hardest by the cost of living crisis. I became Secretary eighteen months ago, and among my actions: I gave effective support to Carrick Castle residents in opposing a planning application, and in cooperation with the Parents' Council, I organised a special meeting and response to the plan for schools' reorganisation.

MURRAY, Thomas H

I would like to continue as a Community Councillor for Lochgoil as I have represented here for many years trying to make this glen a better place for us all. As well as being a Community Councillor, I have been on many Trusts and organisations in Carrick and Lochgoilhead, I have had some successes with these boards, including being Chair of the Lochgoil Community Trust and bringing a 20% share of the Hydro scheme to the community which has benefitted many organisations in the glen and as Chair of the Jetty Trust with its new upgrade and continued improvement.

PIPER, John A

I feel incredibly lucky to live in this community and would relish the opportunity to understand and support the views of every Carrick Castle and Lochgoilhead resident. I have a specific interest in encouraging and supporting a sustainable and ethical economy in our community, and also feel passionate about preserving the beautiful natural environment we live in. I have a professional background in community engagement and social enterprise, and would like to combine these skills with the knowledge and experience of the long standing members of our community. Thankyou for your consideration.