
Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Oban, Lorn & The Isles 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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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

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 25 valid nominations were received during that period. This can be broken down as follows:

Mull – 4 candidates for 10 vacancies
Iona – 0 candidate for 2 vacancies
Coll – 1 candidates for 2 vacancies
Tiree – 4 candidates for 5 vacancies
Oban – 2 candidates for 9 vacancies
Glenorchy & Innishail – 2 candidates for 7 vacancies
Taynuilt – 1 candidates for 4 vacancies
Avich & Kilchrenan – 3 candidates for 5 vacancies
Luing – 2 candidates for 3 vacancies
Kilninver & Kilmelford – 0 candidate for 3 vacancies
Seil & Easdale - 1 candidate for 2 vacancies

Kilmore & Kilbride – 2 candidate for 4 vacancies
Dunbeg – 2 candidates for 5 vacancies
Lismore – 0 candidates for 3 vacancies
Appin – 0 candidates for 3 vacancies
Connel – 0 candidates for 2 vacancies
Ardchattan – 1 candidate for 3 vacancies

Prior to the by-election there were 72 vacancies across the 12 Community Councils in the Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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, although this area has had the highest intake of new councillors. 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 25 candidates will be elected to serve on 12 different community councils at 11am on 2nd May 2024. There were 2 rejected nominations as the candidates were not on the electoral register and therefore not eligible to stand as a candidate. Unfortunately 5