

ANGUS COUNCIL

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 21 OCTOBER 2010

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

**ABSTRACT:**

The purpose of this Report is to advise members of the outcome of the Community Council elections which were held earlier this month.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the outcome of the recent Community Council Elections;
- (ii) note that a contested election is to be held in Carnoustie; and
- (iii) note that no Community Councils have been established in four areas; The City of Brechin & District, Ferryden & Craig, Monikie & Newbigging and Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to Report 637/10 which was considered and approved by this Committee on 2 September 2010. The Report advised members that the term of office of all existing Community Councillors would expire on Monday 4 October and set out the Scheme of Electoral Arrangements for the 2010 Community Council Elections which was based on the revised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils adopted by the Council on 11 February 2010.

The Head of Law & Administration is the designated Returning Officer for Community Council Elections as per the Council's Standing Orders.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

The closing date for receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer was Monday 27 September 2010. The nomination period was extended by one week to 4.00pm on Monday 4 October due to the lack of nominations received from some areas. At the close of the extended nomination period the number of validly nominated candidates for each Community Council was as follows:-

	<b>Total Membership Allowed</b>	<b>Number of Validly Nominated Candidates</b>
Aberlemno	10	8
Auchterhouse	9	7
Carnoustie	12	14
The City of Brechin & District	13	5
Ferryden & Craig	12	3
Friockheim	12	6
Glamis	10	10
Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert	9	9
Inverarity	8	5
Inveresk	21	13
Kirriemuir	10	6
Kirriemuir Landward East	9	8

Kirriemuir Landward West	14	13
Letham & District	10	7
Lunanhead & District	9	5
Monifieth	13	8
Monikie & Newbigging	10	2
Montrose	15	8
Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff	9	4
Murroes & Wellbank	9	5
Newtyle & Eassie	16	8
Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District	21	13
Royal Burgh of Forfar	16	12
Strathmartine	9	6
Tealing	9	8

The minimum membership required to establish a Community Council is half the maximum membership for each Community Council and as a result 21 Community Councils have been established at this time.

The Notice of Uncontested Elections detailing the names and addresses of each validly nominated candidate was published on Friday 8 October on the Council's website and in local Council offices and all validly nominated candidates have been formally advised of their election to the Community Council by the Returning Officer. **Appendix 1** details the date, venue and time of the Inaugural Meetings for each of the newly established Community Councils.

As more nominations were received for the Carnoustie Community Council than the maximum membership allows, a poll requires to be undertaken. The Notice of Poll was published on Friday 8 October and polling will take place the week beginning Monday 25 October.

Carnoustie Library has been designated as a polling place for the purpose of carrying out the poll. The dates and times of the poll are as follows:-

Monday 25 October 2010	9.30am to 12.30pm 5.00pm to 8.00pm
Wednesday 27 October 2010	5.00pm to 8.00pm
Friday 29 October 2010	9.30am to 12.30pm
Saturday 30 October 2010	9.30am to 12.30pm

Polling will close at 12.30 pm on Saturday 30 October and the Count is to take place in Carnoustie Library at 6.00 pm on Monday 1 November.

As the total nominations received for the City of Brechin & District, Ferryden & Craig, Monikie & Newbigging and Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff Community Councils were less than the minimum membership required, no Community Councils have been established for these areas at this time. Notwithstanding these results, 20 electors residing within these areas may apply to the Council at any time to make arrangements for the establishment of a Community Council under Section 52(7) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Applications should be made in writing to the Head of Law & Administration who will make the necessary arrangements to organise, in accordance with the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, elections or other voting arrangements for the purpose of establishing the Community Council.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of conducting the poll will be in the region of £3,500 which will be contained within the miscellaneous services budget of £41,000.

#### **5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications associated with the terms of this report.

**6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An [equalities impact assessment](#) is not required.

**7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

- Citizens are involved in community life

**8. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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## Community Council Inaugural Meetings

<b>Community Council Area:</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Aberlemno	26-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Aberlemno Village Hall
Auchterhouse	19-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Auchterhouse Parish Hall
Carnoustie	25-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Carnoustie High
Friockheim	03-Nov-10	7.30 pm	Community Wing, Friockheim Primary School
Glamis	18-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Strathmore Arms
Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert	13-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Hillside Village Hall
Inverarity	20-Oct-10	8.00 pm	Inverarity Church Hall
Inveresk	11-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Inglis Memorial Hall
Kirriemuir	27-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Fairlie House
Kirriemuir Landward East	27-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Memus Hall
Kirriemuir Landward West	25-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Kilry Village Hall
Letham & District	18-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Letham Primary School
Lunanhead & District	20-Oct-10	7.30 pm	St Margaret's Hall, Lunanhead
Monifieth	20-Oct-10	7.00 pm	Gerard Hall, Monifieth
Montrose	28-Oct-10	7.00 pm	Montrose YMCA
Murroes & Wellbank	14-Oct-10	8.00 pm	Murroes Community Hall
Newtyle & Eassie	02-Nov-10	7.30 pm	Community Wing, Newtyle Primary School
Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District	27-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Arbroath Library
Royal Burgh of Forfar	21-Oct-10	7.00 pm	The Town & County Hall, Forfar
Strathmartine	28-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Strathmartine Primary School
Tealing	27-Oct-10	7.30 pm	Tealing Hall