

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 1 DECEMBER 2015

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

REPORT BY SHEONA HUNTER, HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT:

The purpose of this Report is to advise members of the outcome of the Community Council elections which were held in October 2015.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee note:-

- (i) the results of the recent Community Council Elections; and
- (ii) that no Community Councils have been established in Monifieth, Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District, Royal Burgh of Forfar and Tealing.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN / SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/ COUNCIL PLAN

This report contributes to the achievement of the following priority contained within the Council Plan 2014 -2017.

- Individuals and families are involved in decisions which affect them
- Individuals are involved in their communities
- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reference is made to Information Report 231/15, Schedule 4 which was noted by this Committee on 9 June 2015. Schedule 4 advised members that the term of office of all existing Community Councillors would expire on Monday 5 October 2015 and set out the timetable for the 2015 Community Council Elections.
- 3.2 The Head of Legal & Democratic Services is the designated Returning Officer for Community Council Elections as per the Council's Standing Orders.
- 3.3 As per Section 6 of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, membership numbers were reviewed prior to the elections. Where appropriate, membership numbers were amended to reflect the actual electorate in each community council area as at the date of publication of the last monthly rolling register update prior to the annual canvass on 1 August 2015. This resulted in no amendments to membership numbers in community council areas.
- 3.4 Schedule 2 of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils has been updated to reflect the updated electorate figures and is attached at **Appendix 1** for information. This Schedule now replaces the existing schedule.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer was Monday 28 September 2015. The nomination period was extended by one week to 4.00pm on Monday 5 October 2015 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:-

Community Council	Maximum Membership Numbers	Number of Validly Nominated Candidates
Aberlemno	8	8
Auchterhouse	8	8
Carnoustie	17	13
The City of Brechin & District	13	9
Ferryden & Craig	9	9
Friockheim	9	6
Glamis	8	4
Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert	9	7
Inverarity	8	4
Inveresk	9	6
Kirriemuir	13	9
Kirriemuir Landward East	9	8
Kirriemuir Landward West	9	7
Letham & District	10	9
Lunanhead & District	8	5
Monifieth	14	5
Monikie & Newbigging	8	6
Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff	10	5
Murroes & Wellbank	9	5
Newtyle & Eassie	8	6
The Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District	20	6
The Royal Burgh of Forfar	18	7
The Royal Burgh of Montrose	17	10
Strathmartine	8	6
Tealing	8	1

- 4.2 The minimum membership required to establish a Community Council is half the maximum membership for each Community Council and as a result 21 of the 25 Community Councils have been established at this time.
- 4.3 The Notice of Uncontested Elections detailing the names and addresses of each validly nominated candidate was published on Friday 9 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 2** details the date, venue and time of the Inaugural Meetings for each of the newly established Community Councils.
- 4.4 As the total nominations received for the Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District, Royal Burgh of Forfar, Monifieth & Tealing 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 Legal & Democratic Services 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.
- 4.5 At the time of writing this report, a petition has been received from 36 registered electors who reside in the Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District Community Council Area and arrangements have been made to hold an interim election. All petitioners and previous candidates along with local members have been advised of the arrangements for this poll.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Strategic Director – Resources, Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance and Head of Legal and Democratic Services have been consulted on the terms of this report.

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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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 [Schedule 2 of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils](#)

Appendix 2 [Timetable of Inaugural Meetings](#)

ELECTED MEMBER COMPOSITION (Schedule 2 of Scheme)**MEMBERSHIP FORMULA**

ELECTORATE	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS (ELECTED AND CO-OPTED)*	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YOUTH MEMBERS
1,000 or less	8	3
1,001 to 2,000	9	3
2,001 to 3,000	10	3
3,001 to 4,000	11	3
4,001 to 5,000	12	3
5,001 to 6,000	13	4
6,001 to 7,000	14	4
7,001 to 8,000	15	4
8,001 to 9,000	16	4
9,001 to 10,000	17	4
10,001 to 12,000	18	5
12,001 to 15,000	19	5
15,000 and over	20	5

Name of Community Council	Registered Electorate as at 1 August 2015	Maximum Permitted Membership (Elected and Co-opted)*	Minimum Membership required to establish Community Council
Aberlemno	599	8	4
Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District	19,941	20	10
Auchterhouse	576	8	4
City of Brechin & District	5,971	13	7
Carnoustie	9,771	17	9
Ferryden & Craig	1,462	9	5
Royal Burgh of Forfar	11,354	18	9
Friockheim	1,398	9	5
Glamis	734	8	4
Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert	1,682	9	5
Inverarity	365	8	4
Inveresk	1,749	9	5
Kirriemuir	5,198	13	7
Kirriemuir Landward East	1,114	9	5
Kirriemuir Landward West	1,363	9	5
Letham & District	2,181	10	5
Lunanhead & District	586	8	4
Monifieth	6,751	14	7
Monikie & Newbigging	955	8	4
Montrose	9,106	17	9
Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff	2,976	10	5
Murroes & Wellbank	1,951	9	5
Newtyle & Eassie	916	8	4
Strathmartine	379	8	4
Tealing	694	8	4
TOTALS	89,772	267	139

***Each Community Council may also appoint up to 5 Youth Members in addition to maximum permitted membership**

COMMUNITY COUNCILS – INAUGURAL MEETINGS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL	DATE	VENUE	TIME
Aberlemno	Monday 7 December	Aberlemno Church Meeting Room	7.30pm
Auchterhouse	Thursday 15 October	Auchterhouse Village Hall	7.00pm
Carnoustie	Monday 26 October	Laurie Lodge, Royal British Legion	7.00pm
The City of Brechin & District	Tuesday 3 November	Damacre Centre	7.00pm
Ferryden & Craig	Thursday 5 November	Ferryden Church Hall	7.00pm
Friockheim	Wednesday 4 November	Friockheim Primary School	7.30pm
Glamis	Monday 19 October	Strathmore Arms Hotel	7.30pm
Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert	Wednesday 14 October	Hillside Public Hall	7.30pm
Inverarity	Wednesday 18 November	Inverarity Church/Community Hall	7.30pm
Inveresk	Monday 19 October	Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell	7.30pm
Kirriemuir	Wednesday 28 October	Community Education Lounge, Fairlie House	7.30pm
Kirriemuir Landward East	Monday 2 November	Memus Community Hall	7.30pm
Kirriemuir Landward West	Thursday 26 November	Kilry Hall	7.30pm
Letham & District	Wednesday 14 October	Feuars' Hall	7.30pm
Lunanhead & District	Wednesday 28 October	St Margaret's Hall	7.30pm
Monikie & Newbigging	Wednesday 4 November	Monikie Village Hall	7.00pm
Montrose	Monday 26 October	Montrose Sports Centre	7.15pm
Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff	Thursday 5 November	Millennium Hall	7.00pm
Murroes & Wellbank	Thursday 12 November	Murroes Hall	7.30pm
Newtyle & Eassie	Thursday 5 November	Newtyle School	7.00pm
Strathmartine	Thursday 26 November	Strathmartine School	7.30pm