

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES – 27 NOVEMBER 2018

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**INFORMATION REPORT BY SHONA CAMERON, MANAGER – ELECTIONS,
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ABSTRACT

To advise members of the results of the Community Council elections.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) note the results of the recent Community Council Elections; and
- (ii) that no Community Council has been established for Friockheim & District

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reference is made to Information Report 179/18 which was noted by this Committee on 5 June 2018, which set out the timetable for the scheduled Community Council elections.
- 3.2 The Service Lead – 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 2018.
- 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.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The closing date for receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer was 4pm on Wednesday 19 September 2018. The nomination period was extended by one week to 4pm on Wednesday 26 September 2018 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	6
Auchterhouse	8	7
Carnoustie	17	10
The City of Brechin & District	13	9
Ferryden & Craig	9	7
Friockheim	9	3
Glamis	8	5
Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert	9	4
Inverarity	8	6
Inveresk	9	6
Kirriemuir	13	9
Kirriemuir Landward East	9	5
Kirriemuir Landward West	9	10
Letham & District	10	8
Lunanhead & District	8	6
Monifieth	14	14
Monikie & Newbigging	8	5
Muirhead, Birkhill & Liff	10	6
Murroes & Wellbank	9	5
Newtyle & Eassie	8	7
The Royal Burgh of Arbroath & District	20	13
The Royal Burgh of Forfar	18	10
The Royal Burgh of Montrose	16	12
Strathmartine	8	6
Tealing	8	6

- 4.2 The minimum membership required to establish a Community Council is half the maximum membership for each Community Council and as a result 22 of the 25 Community Councils were established at the close of nominations.
- 4.3 The Notice of Uncontested Elections detailing the names and addresses of each validly nominated candidate was published on 2 October 2018 on the Council's website and all validly nominated candidates have now been formally advised of their election to the Community Council by the Returning Officer.
- 4.4 As the total number of nominations received for Kirriemuir Landward West was more than the maximum membership allowed a contested poll was held by postal ballot – closing date 31 October 2018. Following the opening of postal ballots on 31 October, the count was conducted and nine candidates were duly elected. The turnout for this poll was 30.2%.
- 4.4 As the total nominations received for Friockheim and District and Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert were less than the minimum membership required, no Community Councils were established at the close of nominations.

However, following receipt of a letter from 22 registered electors in the Hillside, Dun & Logie Pert area to the Returning Officer, a further poll was held and the community council has now been established with a membership of six.

The Friockheim & District Community Council remains unformed. Notwithstanding this, 20 electors residing within this area 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 Service Lead – 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.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed 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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Appendix 1: Community Council – Elected Member Composition