

POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2007:

RESPONSE LOG

| | FROM | DATE RECEIVED | SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATION | COMMENTS |
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| 1. | E-MAIL FROM Laurel Bush, 16 Kennedy Terrace, Wick KW1 5BN | 12 July 2007 | I submit that each polling district should be entirely within a community council area. | This suggestion could be examined when the current Scheme of Community Council's is reviewed. |
| 2. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Linda Munro | 19 July 2007 | The Polling Station which is presently based at Melvich Village Hall, be transferred to Strathy Village Hall which is a much better facility with disabled access. | Agree to the suggestion |
| 3. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Robert Wynd | 19 July 2007 | (The current scheme) Looks ok to me. | No comment. |
| 4. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Liz MacDonald | 19 July 2007 | It will be necessary to improve the ramp at Seaman's Hall for 19F and 19B the existing provision | This will be raised with the Hall Management. |

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| | | | was shaky. | |
| 5. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Kenneth MacLeod | 22 July 2007 | Crown Church does not have suitable disabled access. I really think that the alternative venue of the Midmills building should be examined. | The access difficulties arose through inconsiderate parking. Review parking management on Polling day. |
| 6. | E-MAIL FROM Laurel Bush, Wick | 20 July 2007 | I believe the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2002 are relevant. Any review of polling districts should be compliant with these regulations. | The core legislation is the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001, as amended by the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, 2006 and 2007. Any review will comply with all statutory requirements. |
| 7. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Thomas Prag | 23 rd July 2007 | Seems odd for folk from a growing new suburb at Milton of Leys (and from Daviot) to travel into a neighbouring ward at Drakies to vote. | The Polling Arrangements in I20A as detailed in the main Report. |
| 8. | E-MAIL FROM | 25 July 2007 | We discussed this at the | No comments |

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| | Helen Ross, Ward Manager (Cromarty Firth) | | Monday business meeting on 23 July and there were no comments. | |
| 9. | E-MAIL FROM Mary Clark Secretary Boat of Garten Community Council Bracklinn Deshar Court Boat of Garten PH24 3BN | 1 August | Boat of Garten's new Community Hall is to be officially opened on 18 August 2007 after which the present Public Hall will be closed. | Change Polling Place for I21L to Boat of Garten Community Hall |
| 10. | E-MAIL FROM Katherine MacKenzie, Secretary Torridon & Kinlochewe Community Council | 2 August | The Community Council is happy where our polling stations are located i.e. Torridon Village Hall and Kinlochewe Village hall. | No changes proposed. |
| 11. | LETTER FROM Iain Murray, Chairman, Boat of Garten Community Hall Drumullie Mill Boat of Garten PH24 3BG | 3 August | Confirmation on use of new hall as polling place. | No comment. |

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| 12. | E-MAIL From Kathy Ross, Lochbroom Community Council | 7 August | Ask that name of Lochbroom Village Hall be changed to Ullapool Village Hall. | Change name of Polling Place. |
| 13. | LETTER FROM Teresa Shaw, Secretary, Kilmorack Community Council, "Tsitika" 9 Torgormack Beauly Inverness IV4 7AQ | 7 August | Raised concerns regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limited parking facilities at the Phipps Hall Beauly • Problems with wheelchair access at the polling booths and negotiation within the hall • The inability of Kilmorack residents to use Kilmorack Hall as their Polling Station | Re-draw polling District to include Kilmorack in R13A. Examine the hall setup on Election Day. |
| 14. | E-MAIL FROM Janette Mackay, Strathy Community Council | 10 August | Commenting that Melvich Hall lacks sufficient lighting and disabled access. Want Strathy Village Hall as the Polling Place. | See Response No. 2. Agree to suggestion |
| 15. | E-MAIL FROM Ken Johnston, Lochaber Disability Access Panel | 14 August | Our comments on Ward 22 are :- R22H (Lochaline Hall) - | |

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| | | | <p>access too steep for independent wheelchair users</p> <p>R22I - Drimnin Hall not known</p> <p>R22N - (Upper Achintore Primary School) - Access ramp too long for independent w/chair users and those with ambulant walking difficulties</p> <p>R22Q - (St, Mary's Hall, Glencoe) - Steps ? Our members felt this hall had steps at entrance All others are fine.</p> | |
| 16. | E-MAIL FROM Councillor Allan Henderson | 16 August | The arrangements around Lochailort are less than satisfactory to the residents. The logical thing would be for people on the A82 and A82 side of the river Ailort to be in Ward 12 and not 22, as is the case. These residents are | Consider issues involved at next review of Ward Boundaries. |

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| | | | served by the Arisaig and District Community Council and would wish to vote the same way. As far as I know they are happy with the polling stations but unhappy with their ward. | |
| 17. | LETTER FROM John Anderson, Secretary, Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council | 21 August | No problems with current arrangements. | No comment. |
| 18. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Jaci Douglas | 22 August | Feeling at Grantown Community Council is that the Primary School should not be used as a Polling Place as other facilities are more suitable. | ECS suggest using the Craig MacLean Centre as an alternative. |
| 19. | E-MAIL FROM Alice MacLennan, Secretary, Sheiladig Community Council | 25 August | Confirming that current arrangements are appropriate. | No comment. |
| 20. | E-MAIL FROM Eveline Waring, Secretary | 27 August | Confirming that Nigg Village Hall is available as a Polling Place | No comment. |

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| | Nigg & Shandwick Community Council | | | |
| 21. | LETTER FROM Pat Gunn, Secretary, Tongue Community Council | 27 August | Would like to retain Tongue Primary School and Melness Community Centre. Suggest Skerray Village Hall as an additional Polling Place as residents of Skerray and Borgie have 8 miles to travel when voting. | Agree to suggestion that a new PD is created. |
| 22. | E-MAIL FROM Russell Smith, Creich Community Council | 27 August | No objections to the polling places listed. | No comment. |
| 23. | E-MAIL FROM Caithness Deaf care | 29 August | The Group, suggested that the Council could approach a national organisation to produce a video / dvd in sign language which could be played for people at their respective polling place. | Raise the issues involved with the Electoral Commission. |
| 24. | E-MAIL FROM Shirley McHardy, Secretary Sutherland Access panel | 31 August | C01F - Scourie village Hall not accessible C01K - Bettyhill Village Hall accessible with | No suitable alternative facilities available in the communities involved. |

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| | | | assistance C01L - Tongue Primary School not accessible | |
| 25. | E-MAIL FROM Ron MacKenzie, Head of Support Services, Education Culture & Sport | 5 September | Outlining suggestions from ECS Area Managers proposing some alternative Polling Places – as detailed in the Report. | |
| 26. | E-MAIL FROM Hugh MacLeod Area Education Administrator Education Culture & Sport | 6 September | Commenting on there being no suitable alternatives to some Education establishments used as polling places. | No comment. |
| 27. | E-MAIL FROM Liz Cowie Ward Manager (Dingwall & Seaforth) | 7 September | At a Ward Forum meeting, a query was raised over electors having the ability to cast votes at other polling stations (example used was someone from fairly close to Conon having to go to Culbokie to cast their vote.) | |
| 28. | E-MAIL FROM R. D. MacLean, Secretary, | 8 September | A significant area within the Kiltarlity community falls within the District | See Response No. 13 regarding related comments on the Polling |

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| | Kiltarlity Community Council | | <p>R13A. While this area was part of a different local government ward from the rest of Kiltarlity it made some sort of sense to have people travel to Beauly to vote. However, this is no longer the case since we are all now within the Aird and Loch Ness Ward. Similarly, we continue to be within the same Holyrood constituency of Ross, Skye and Inverness West as the rest of Kiltarlity, although boundary changes of Westminster seats have divided the community and R13A is in a different constituency from I13A.</p> <p>Despite this it is the Community Council's view that all Kiltarlity voters should be able to vote at the local centre of Kiltarlity Hall and that there is no clear reason why some of us should</p> | <p>arrangements in R13A.</p> <p>Electors in R13A are allocated to vote in Beauly and those in I13A in Kiltarlity to avoid having 2 different UK Parliamentary ballot boxes in the same Polling Place – reducing the possibility of a ballot papers being placed in the wrong box.</p> <p>It would be possible to allocate the electors in that part of R13A to the south of the A831, to vote in Kiltarlity for all elections.</p> |
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| | | | have to travel to Beaulieu to vote, and we would advocate a change in the present arrangements. | |
| 29. | E-MAIL FROM Marj Donaldson, Secretary, Ross & Cromarty Access Panel | 10 September | Commenting on individual polling places and outlining their preferred polling place requirements. See detailed Report. | Comments made in detail in the main report |
| 30. | E-MAIL FROM J.R Lipa, Secretary, Thurso Community Council | 10 September | The Community Council is agreeable to the Polling Stations in Thurso. | No comments |
| 31. | E-MAIL FROM Cllr Jim McGillvray | 17 September | Sets out 3 options for a Polling Place in Embo. | The preferred solution is to designate the newly built Embo Football Club Pavilion as the Polling Place, once the building obtains a Building Warrant Completion Certificate. |
| 32. | Alan Roberts Secretary, Bower Community Council Caithness | 17 September | The Community Council is happy with current arrangements. | No comments. |