

# Ward 4 Result May 2013

The Highland Council Local Government By-election  
Electoral Ward No. 4 - Landward Caithness  
Thursday 2 May 2013

## Declaration of Notice of Result

I, Alistair Dodds, the Returning Officer at the above election hereby give notice that, after application of the Single Transferable Vote count rules, the total number of votes given for each candidate at the by-election was as follows:

Candidate	Party	Total No. of Votes Given for Candidate	Eliminated at the end of Stage No.
David Baron	Scottish Labour Party	417	1
<b>Gillian Coghill</b>		<b>1317</b>	
Hanna Miedema	Scottish National Party (SNP)	525	1
Barbara Anne Watson	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate	203	1

And that **Gillian Coghill** has been duly elected to serve as a councillor for Ward 4 (Landward Caithness) multimember ward.

<b>Electorate</b>	8592
<b>Total Number of Votes Cast</b>	2479
<b>Percentage Poll</b>	28.85
<b>Total Rejected Ballot Papers</b>	17
<b>Total Valid Votes</b>	2462
<b>Quota (number of votes required to be elected)</b>	1232

The number of papers rejected and not counted by me at this by-election was:

<b>1. Want of Official Mark</b>	0
<b>2. On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a 1st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate</b>	5
<b>3. Over voting</b>	0
<b>4. Writing or mark by which voter could be identified</b>	0
<b>5. Unmarked or void for uncertainty</b>	12
<b>Total Number Rejected</b>	<b>17</b>

Alistair Dodds, Returning Officer

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