



## Notice of Community Council Interim Election

Interim elections are required due to the resignation of some members, which has reduced the number of serving community councillors to below half of their full membership, or following a request for re-establishment of the Community Council. Nominations are now open to fill vacancies for the following **Highland Community Councils**:

Community Council	Max Membership	Vacancies
Ardgay and District	8	8
Arisaig	8	5
Aviemore	10	5
Avoch and Killen	8	5
Conon Bridge	8	6
Cromdale and Advie	8	6
Lochalsh	8	6
Nether Lochaber	7	4
Raasay	8	5
South Knydart	8	8
Stratherrick and Foyers	8	5
Thurso	13	12
Uig	8	5

If you are interested in making a difference in your local area, consider standing for your Community Council. To be eligible, you must be at least 16 years old by the close of nominations, be registered to vote on the local government electoral register, and live within the Community Council area. If you're eligible, simply complete the online nomination form available at [www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections](http://www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections).

### Key dates:

between Tuesday 19 August and 12noon on Tuesday 2 September 2025	When <a href="#">nomination forms</a> can be submitted
No later than Wednesday 3 September, 2025	Publication of list of nominated candidates and notices whether the Community Council has formed, not formed or is contested.
Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 12noon	Latest date whereby nominated candidates can withdraw from standing.
Tuesday 9 September 2025 before 4pm	following the close of the withdrawal period, should the number of candidates validly nominated equal or exceed <b>HALF</b> , but be less than or equal to the total maximum permitted membership, the said candidates

	will be declared elected from this date and no ballot shall be held.
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### **Close of Nominations**

Following the close of nominations, the statements of persons nominated for each community council will be published on the council's website [www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections](http://www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections) with the notices which Community Councils have formed, not formed or would require an election.

### **Withdrawal of Nominations**

If you decide to withdraw your nomination, you can do so within the stipulated timeframe, by emailing [ccelection@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ccelection@highland.gov.uk), stating your name and the Community Council from which you wish to withdraw from.

### **Contested Community Council**

A contest will only take place on **Friday 10 October 2025** where the number of valid Nominations exceeds the membership number of the relevant Community Council.

### **Personal statement for contested Community Council**

If an election is required, each candidate in the contested Community Council will be asked to submit a personal statement. This should be a brief summary of no more than 75 words, providing information about yourself in support of your nomination.

If you need any assistance accessing or completing the online form or need any clarification, please contact the election helpline on 01349 886657 or email [ccelection@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ccelection@highland.gov.uk).

Please see our [website](#) to found out more about Community Councils.

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Date: Tuesday, 19 August 2025