Community Council Elections

Taghaidhean Comhairle Coimhearsnachd

The Highland Council
Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

Community Council Election Information

Are you interested in...

supporting your local community

developing your own skills

getting involved in local projects

How can you get involved?

The Highland Council will be holding elections in November 2023. If you are interested in volunteering, nominations will be open from **Monday 4th September 2023**.
All you need to do is self-nominate yourself by completing the online nomination form which will be available at: **www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections** after this date and you must check that you are eligible to stand as a candidate.

What is a Community Council?

A Community Council is a group of community volunteers who are responsible for expressing the views and acts in the interest of the community to local authorities and other public bodies. Community Councils will be consulted on the submission of significant planning applications in their area.

Am I eligible to become a Community Councillor?

- You must be aged over 16 years old
- A resident within the Community Council area
- On the Electoral Register.

You have the option to stand for election to a Community Council or you may be entitled to vote in a Community Council election if there are more candidates than the maximum membership.

What part can I play?

Each Community Council must have a Chairperson, a Treasurer, and a Secretary – the office bearers. Being part of a Community Council means you have shared responsibility for the success of the Community Council. All members play an important part by thinking creatively about what you can do together to improve the lives of local residents.

This is a great opportunity for young people to have a real say in local matters.

What is the time commitment?

Each Community Council must hold a minimum of 6 ordinary meetings and one annual general meeting each year.

Benefits

- It's great for you CV
- Increase your employment chances
- Represent your community
- Recognition in your area.

Interested in volunteering?

To find out more information visit:
www.highland.gov.uk/ccelections
or contact us by email: **ccelection@highland.gov.uk** or telephone **01349 886657**.

"Your voice and opinion can help shape and make your area a better place to live."

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