

REPORT TO FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE - 23 AUGUST 2022

ELLON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 This report advises the Committee of the dissolution of Ellon Community Council and outlines the necessary actions required as a result.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

Acknowledge that Ellon Community Council has dissolved.

2 Decision-Making Route

2.1 The constitution of Ellon Community Council (ECC) requires that the membership of the Community Council should not be less than 7 and not more than 16.

2.2 The membership of ECC has fallen below the required minimum number.

3 Discussion

3.1 Aberdeenshire Council supported ECC to run an election in May 2022 (notice shown at **Appendix 1**), at which time the body attracted insufficient numbers to meet their minimum membership. The Council supported ECC to run a second election in June 2022 (notice shown at **Appendix 2**) and, again, there were insufficient nominations to meet the minimum requirement.

3.2 At this point, the group had four returning members with remaining terms to serve and the Area Manager began discussions to put the group into Supported Status, in order to work with the remaining members as a Steering Group, to look at ways to attract more interest within the area to rebuild the Community Council.

3.3 Following two meetings with these members to discuss the situation, two of the remaining members resigned, taking the membership below quorum to continue. Therefore, as of 29 July 2022, ECC automatically dissolved, as per Section 15 of the current Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils:

“Upon the number of members of the Community Council or steering group becoming less than the quorum then the Community Council is deemed to be automatically dissolved with immediate effect. The Area Manager will notify the automatic dissolution to the Area Committee.”

- 3.4 Officers are now taking all necessary steps to ensure the retrieval of all paperwork, assets and funds pertaining to ECC, to be held in trust until such time as a new Community Council may be formed.
- 3.5 Should there be interest within the community to re-establish the Community Council in the future, twenty or more electors may request that elections are held to establish a Community Council for the area. The twenty electors must submit a petition to the Area Manager in accordance with Section 52(7) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 or subsequent legislation and on receipt of a petition the Council shall arrange for elections to be held in accordance with the Scheme.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This report details applications which help deliver Council Priorities:

- Our Environment – Infrastructure; Resilient Communities

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-plan/delivering-our-priorities-across-services/>

4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		X	
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duties Scotland		X	
Town Centre First		X	
Sustainability		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	

- 4.3 An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has not been carried out as the purpose of this report is to update the Committee.
- 4.4 There are no particular staffing or financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.5 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level or Strategic Level.
([Corporate Risk Register](#)) / ([Directorate Risk Registers](#)).

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.3.6 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the dissolution of a Community Council.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – May Notice of Election
Appendix 2 – June Notice of Election



Ellon Community Council

Nominations now open

Nominations are being sought to fill 10 vacancies on Ellon Community Council

Forms must be returned by **5pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022**. A ballot will take place **only** if the nominees outnumber the spaces available.

The community council's AGM will take place on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 7pm. Further details can be sought from enquiries@elloncc.org.uk

Nomination forms are available from the Council website or by contacting formartineareaoffice@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

For further information Contact:
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Second Call for Nominations:

Nominations are being sought to fill 10 vacancies on Ellon Community Council. The importance of Community Councils has become more evident these last couple of years and it is vital that enough people put themselves forward to allow the Community Council to continue its good work.

Nominations will be accepted between 9th June & 27th June 2022.

Forms must be returned by 5pm on Monday 27 June 2022.

A ballot will take place **only** if the nominees outnumber the spaces available.

The community council's AGM will take place on Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 7pm. Further details can be sought from enquiries@elloncc.org.uk

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