

LOCAL GOVERNMENT etc. (SCOTLAND) ACT 1994
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS
4 MAY 2017
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT BY LORRAINE MCMILLAN, RETURNING OFFICER

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APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

On 30 April 2008 the Council appointed Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive, to be the Returning Officer.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In terms of Rule 3 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules, notice of the election was exhibited at Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock and Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead, and on the Council's website.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

The following list sets out the names and addresses of the persons who remained validly nominated for various electoral wards with the official description given in their nomination paper.

Ward No.1 – Barrhead, Neilston and Uplawmoor

Paul Aitken 75 Cartside Road, Clarkston	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
David Allison 29 Riverside Gardens, Busby	Scottish Green Party
Angela Convery 21 Langton Crescent, Barrhead	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Betty Wood Cunningham 61 Crossmill Avenue, Barrhead	Scottish Labour Party
Danny Devlin 2 Lavernside Avenue, Barrhead	Independent
John J Ferguson 17 Redburn Avenue, Giffnock	UKIP
Kenny Hay 13D Stewart Crescent, Barrhead	Scottish Labour Party
Tommy Reilly 1 Cowan Crescent, Barrhead	Scottish National Party (SNP)

Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston

Kirsteen Allan 7 Rannoch Avenue, Newton Mearns	Independent
Tony Buchanan 29 Sunnyside Place, Barrhead	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Charlie Gilbert 4 Wemyss Avenue, Newton Mearns	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
David Jesner The Ryatt, Newton Mearns	
Robert Malyn 37 Meadowhill, Newton Mearns	Social Democratic Party Scotland
Andrew Morrison 23 Braemar Court, Hazelden Gardens, Muirend	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Paul O’Kane 17 Dundonald Place, Neilston	Labour and Co-operative Party
Roy Provan 34 Eriskay Crescent, Newton Mearns	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Stuart Sutherland 2C Humble Court, Newton Mearns	UKIP

Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank

Savio Andrew D’Souza 82 Orchard Drive, Giffnock	Independent
Paul Drury 9 Bulloch Avenue, Giffnock	Independent
Alan Findlay 19 Bulloch Avenue, Giffnock	Scottish Libertarian Party
Jim Fletcher 35 Fowlis Drive, Newton Mearns	Scottish Labour Party
Gordon McCaskill 49 Morven Drive, Clarkston	Independent
Colm Merrick 41 Cartsbridge Road, Busby	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Christopher Park 39 Shawwood Crescent, Newton Mearns	Scottish Liberal Democrats

Paul Smith
23 Woodlands Court, Woodlands Road, Thornliebank

Scottish Conservative and
Unionist

Gordon Wallace
32 Newtonlea Avenue, Newton Mearns

Scottish Conservative and
Unionist

Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood

Andrea Gee
313 Mearns Road, Newton Mearns

Scottish Conservative and
Unionist

Sarah Louise Hemy
3E Manse Court, Barrhead

UKIP

Annette Ireland
114 Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Alan Lafferty
22 Penrith Avenue, Giffnock

Labour and Co-operative
Party

David Macdonald
4 Woodyett Park, Busby

Independent

Alex Mackie
30 Claremount Avenue, Giffnock

Scottish Liberal Democrats

Stewart Miller
Flenders Farm, Clarkston

Scottish Conservative and
Unionist

James Mills
113 Busby Road, Clarkston

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Mary Montague
4 Hutcheson Road, Thornliebank

Labour and Co-operative
Party

Ralph Robertson
6 The Quadrant, Clarkston

Independent

Laura Stevens
51 Picketlaw Road, Eaglesham

Scottish Green Party

Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

Caroline Bamforth
11 Dunkeld Place, Newton Mearns

Scottish National Party (SNP)

Bev Brown
Flat 7 Broomvale Court, 9 Broomburn Drive
Newton Mearns

Independent

Barbara Grant
Hazeltonhead Cottage, Mearns Road, Newton Mearns

Scottish Conservative and
Unionist

Ian McAlpine 12 Arthurlie Drive, Giffnock	Labour and Co-operative Party
Jim McLean 29 Park Crescent, Eaglesham	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Gerry McVeigh 14 Stewart Crescent, Barrhead	UKIP
Alan Rennie 24 Mallots View, Newton Mearns	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Jim Swift 16 Broom Road East, Newton Mearns	Scottish Conservative and Unionist

NOTICE OF POLL

In terms of Rule 20 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules, the Notice of Poll was exhibited at Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, the Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead, and on the Council’s website.

ENUMERATION PROCEEDINGS

The counting of the votes took place in accordance with the provision of the said Rules and under the supervision of the Returning Officer at The Foundry, Main Street, Barrhead, on Friday 5 May 2017.

The following statement shows the number of valid votes cast, number of rejected ballot papers, and quota for each Ward, together with the number of rejected ballot papers under the prescribed headings:-

Ward No.1 – Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor

Number of valid votes cast	7,073
Rejected as Void	116
Quota	1,415

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	37
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	67
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	12

Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston

Number of valid votes cast	6,055
Rejected as Void	79
Quota	1,514

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	18
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	54
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	7

Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank

Number of valid votes cast	7,595
Rejected as Void	92
Quota	1,899

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	28
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	52
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	12

Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood

Number of valid votes cast	10,203
Rejected as Void	151
Quota	2,041

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	47
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	96
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	8

Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

Number of valid votes cast	9,773
Rejected as Void	115
Quota	1,955

Reasons for Rejection

(a) Want of unique identifying mark/official mark	0
(b) On which the figure “1” standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	77
(c) On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1 st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	31
(d) Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified	0
(e) Unmarked or void for uncertainty	7

DECLARATION OF RESULT

In accordance with Rule 56 of the said Rules, the Returning Officer, when the result of each poll had been ascertained, forthwith declared the following candidates to be elected as Councillors for the undernoted Wards:-

Ward No.1 – Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor

Paul Aitken	Elected at Stage 6
Angela Convery	Elected at Stage 8
Betty Wood Cunningham	Elected at Stage 5
Danny Devlin	Elected at Stage 1

Ward No.2 – Newton Mearns North and Neilston

Tony Buchanan	Elected at Stage 1
Charlie Gilbert	Elected at Stage 1
Paul O’Kane	Elected at Stage 1

Ward No.3 – Giffnock and Thornliebank

Jim Fletcher	Elected at Stage 9
Colm Merrick	Elected at Stage 5
Gordon Wallace	Elected at Stage 7

Ward No.4 – Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood

Annette Ireland	Elected at Stage 6
Alan Lafferty	Elected at Stage 10
David Macdonald	Elected at Stage 8
Stewart Miller	Elected at Stage 10

Ward No.5 – Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

Caroline Bamforth	Elected at Stage 5
Barbara Grant	Elected at Stage 2
Jim McLean	Elected at Stage 5
Jim Swift	Elected at Stage 1

SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURE

Notice in writing advising them of their election was sent to all Councillors by the Returning Officer on 5 May 2017.

Returning Officer

Council Headquarters
Eastwood Park
Rouken Glen Road
Giffnock
East Renfrewshire
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