

Argyll and Bute Community Council Elections

Community Council elections are taking place for Community Councils within the Argyll and Bute area on 20 August 2026. A Notice of Election calling the election will be published on 4 June 2026 inviting candidates interested in serving as community councillors to lodge their completed nominations no later than 4pm, on 25 June 2026

Purpose of Community Councils

Community Councils are the most local tier of statutory representation. They comprise of people who care about their community and want to make their area a better place to live. They have an important role in local democracy by representing public concern or views about local issues to the local authority other public, and private agencies.

Some Community Councils are more active than others but their activities can include:

- commenting on planning and licensing applications
- organising local galas or events
- campaigning on local issues
- conducting local surveys
- environmental or other local projects
- making a positive contribution to community life

How do I get nominated to become a Community Councillor?

Candidates require to be 16 or over at the date of the election, be registered as a local government elector for the community council area they are standing in, and be resident in this area. They should complete a nomination form which should be proposed and seconded by persons who must also be registered in the relevant community. The nomination paper **must** be returned, by hand, post or email, to the Returning Officer no later than 4pm on Thursday 25 June 2026.

Nomination forms will be available from Council Service Points, the Council website and from the Returning Officer, Kilmory, Lochgilphead PA31 8RT from 5 June 2026 onwards.

**Closing Date: Thursday 25
June 2026**

Who can vote in Community Council Elections?

To vote in a Community Council Election you must be 16 or over on the day of the election, and registered on 1 June 2026 **check whether you are registered to vote please contact the Electoral Registration Officer on:**

01586 555300

Election Process

If there are more candidates than places for any community council after close of nominations, an election will take place by postal ballot. Registered voters will be issued with a ballot paper and will be able to choose a number of candidates up to the number of places available.

If the number of candidates equals or is less than the number of places available, the Returning Officer will declare the candidates duly elected as of 20 August 2026 and may organise a follow up by-election, if appropriate.

Further Information

For information on standing as a candidate and **voting** please contact:

Telephone: **01546 605522** (ask for Community Council Elections)

Email: **Elections@argyll-bute.gov.uk**

Web: **www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/elections**

For information on **registration**, please contact the Electoral Registration Office:

Telephone: **01586 555300**

Email: **ero-abc@dab-vjb.gov.uk**

Web: **www.dab-vjb.gov.uk**