

BONNYRIGG AND LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MARCH 2012

TIMETABLE

Publication of Notice of Election	Friday 3 February 2012
Nominations to be submitted by	Friday 24 February 2012 (4pm)
Nominations to be Withdrawn by	Friday 24 February 2012 (5pm)
Publication of Notice of Poll (if Necessary)	1 March 2012
Election if necessary will be by secret ballot	At the AGM on 15 March 2012 at 7.30pm in Sports Pavilion George V Park Bonnyrigg

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NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned, hereby propose and nominate the following person as a candidate at the elections in respect of the above Community Council.

(Note: The Candidate, Proposer and Seconder must all be resident in the Community Council Area for which they are being proposed and must be on the current Electoral Register for that Community Council Area (the Register can be inspected at local libraries and some local offices). Alternatively, Candidates may be nominated by a local community or voluntary organisation that is active within the area of the Community Council. In this case an authorised signatory within the organisation should sign at the space given for the Proposer's signature).

Name and Address of Proposer
(Block Capitals)

Name and Address of Seconder
(Block Capitals)

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Telephone No:

Telephone No:

Signature:

Signature:

Name and Address of Candidate (Block Capitals)

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Telephone No: Post Code:

Candidate's Consent to Nomination

I, the nominee for the above mentioned election, consent to being nominated as a candidate:-

Signature of Candidate Date

This form must be submitted ***no later than 4.00pm on Friday 24 February 2012 to: Bob Constable (Returning Officer Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council) Midlothian House Buccleuch Street Dalkeith Midlothian EH22 1DJ***

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Any candidate wishing to withdraw her/his nomination must submit notice on the form provided by **5pm on Friday 24 February 2012**. Candidates who are commonly known by a name other than the name which appears on the Electoral Register may insert '*commonly known as*' and this will appear on the ballot paper beside their name where there is a poll.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO GIVE A SHORT STATEMENT ABOUT YOURSELF, YOUR INTERESTS AND WHY YOU THINK YOU WOULD MAKE A GOOD COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

Note:- Candidates should restrict their remarks to their experience, suitability and reason for standing for the position of Community Councillor. The Returning Officer reserves the right to edit inappropriate comments.

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FORM

(Insert name and address as in Nomination Form)

I, (name)

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of (address)

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hereby withdraw my nomination as a candidate for election as a Community

Councillor for the

..... Community Council, at the forthcoming election.

Signed

Date

Note: Any candidate wishing to withdraw her/his nomination must submit this form, once completed, by *5pm on Friday 24 February 2012 to:-*

***Bob Constable
(Returning Officer Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council)
Midlothian House
Buccleuch Street
Dalkeith
Midlothian
EH22 1DJ***

GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETION OF NOMINATION FORMS

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- 1 It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the nomination form is properly completed and duly submitted. Errors or omissions in the completion of the form, or failure to return the completed form by the due date, may result in the nomination being declared invalid.
- 2 All Candidates for election must be aged over 18, resident within the Community Council area for which they are standing, and on the current electoral roll for that Community Council area. Anyone who is uncertain as to whether they appear on the roll can check the copy of the roll held in local libraries and some local offices.
- 3 Candidates should be nominated either by (i) a Proposer and a Seconder who must both be resident within the Community Council area for which the Candidate is standing, and must also be on the current electoral roll for that Community Council area **OR**, alternatively, (ii) Candidates may be nominated by a local community group or voluntary organisation that is operating within the relevant Community Council area.
- 4 All Candidates must sign the consent to nomination. It would considerably assist the Returning Officer if Candidates were to print in full their name and address at the foot of the nomination form.
- 5 Candidates who wish to be described on the ballot paper by a name which is different from the one that appears on the Electoral Register must detail this on the nomination form. (For example, James Brown is known to all his friends as, 'John'). On the nomination form he should enter 'James (commonly known as John) Brown'. This is how his name will then appear on the ballot paper. Where candidates do not make such a request then their name will appear on the ballot paper exactly as it appears on the Electoral Register.
- 6 Withdrawal of nomination will only be valid when a duly completed and returned withdrawal form (which is on the reverse of this page) is submitted to the Returning Officer before 5pm on Friday, 24 February 2012.
- 7 Candidates are urged to submit a statement in the space provided on the back of the nomination form. Copies of all statements will be issued to voters with ballot papers in the event of a poll. Statements, which may be edited by the Returning Officer, should be no longer than 250 words in length and should focus on the candidate's abilities and reasons for standing for the position of Community Councillor.