**Casual Vacancy Election - Nomination Paper**

**Election of Community Councillor to serve on**

**Thornhill and District Community Council**

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| **Name of Community Council** | **Thornhill and District Community Council** |
| **Date of Election** | **Thursday 20th June 2024** |

To be nominated **you must be** on the Register of Electors for your Community Council area and **be proposed by** someone else who is also on the Register. Names must match those on the current Register of Electors – please do not use nicknames or abbreviations.

**Candidate details**

Candidate’s full name and address – as in the Register of Electors:

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| Title: |  | Name: |  |

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| Address: | Postcode: |  |

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| Candidate’s electoral number: |  |
| Candidate’s phone number: |  |
| Candidate’s email address: |  |

**Proposer details**

I, the undersigned, being entered on the Register of Electors for the said Community Council area, do hereby nominate the above-named person as a Candidate to serve on the said Community Council. I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge, information and belief that the above-named person is eligible in terms of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway to be nominated as a Candidate for election as a Councillor on the said Community Council and **I have not proposed any person other than the above-named as a Candidate** for the said Community Council.

Proposer’s full name and address – as in the Register of Electors:

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| Proposer’s electoral number: |  |
| Proposer’s phone number: |  |
| Proposer’s email address: |  |
| Proposer’s signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Candidate:**

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| I, |  | (name of candidate) |

the nominee for election, consent to being nominated as a Candidate for the said Community Council. I declare that, if elected, I shall faithfully perform the duties of office and that I shall abide by the Code of Conduct for Community Councillors (and any amendments to the Code) and the Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway, which also acts as the Community Council Constitution. I accept that failure to observe the Code may lead to suspension and repeated failure to observe the Code may lead to expulsion from membership of the Community Council. (Copies of these documents shall be made available for inspection on request to the Returning Officer).

I declare that I am qualified to be elected by reason of being entered on the Register of Electors\* for the area of the said Community Council.

\*The Scottish Elections (Reduction in Voting Age) Bill introduced in Spring 2016 allows for 16 year olds to vote at Local Government and Scottish Parliament and they will therefore be included in the electoral register for those elections. Consequently, as Community Council elections are held on the Local Government franchise, this new ruling will now apply to all future Community Council elections.

**I declare that I am not disqualified from being nominated as a Candidate for election to the said Community Council.**

If nominated and/or elected, I understand that my name, address and electoral number will be published on election notices, in the local press and on Dumfries and Galloway Council’s website. If elected I agree, subject to the consent required below, that my telephone number and email address will also be made accessible to the public on the Council website so that people know how to contact me.

The information will be used in compliance with the Data Protection Act.

**I confirm that I consent to my telephone number and email address being published.** Please tick appropriate answer **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

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| Candidate’s signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Notes:**

1. **Date of submission of nomination form:** This nomination form, duly completed, must be returned to the Returning Officer at the details below no later than **5.00pm on Tuesday 28th May 2024.**
2. **Electoral numbers:** The distinctive numbers from the Register of Electors for both Polling District and Elector (eg 12J3/2110) should be given (DGC will have a copy of the Register of Electors for the Community Council area).
3. **Eligibility for nomination:** The minimum age to stand for election as a Community Councillor is 16 years and Candidates wishing to stand for election must reside within that Community Council area and be named on the current Register of Electors\* for that area on the date of being proposed for membership of the Council.

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1. **Proposer:** Each Candidate shall be nominated by a proposer whose name appears at that time in the said Register of Electors for the Community Council area (or respective sub-division of that area, if applicable). Each elector may propose one nominee only and, if they propose more than one, their signature will be inoperative in any paper other than the first read by the Returning Officer.
2. **Candidate:** The Candidate nominated shall not be the proposer of their own candidature.
3. **Invalid nominations:** The RO’s decision as to the validity of nominations shall be final. If the RO decides that any nomination is invalid, the RO shall return it immediately to the Candidate with the reasons for the decision written on the Nomination Paper.

**Returning Officer’s details**

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| Returning Officer’s name: | **Fiona Daubney** |
|  | **Ward Manager** |
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| Email address | Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk  |